

dealing with other matters such as advertisements, etc. However, I understand that government policy is to help small newspapers through advertisements and other means.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS

Separate High Courts for Punjab and
Haryana

*301. SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move for having separate High Courts for Punjab and Haryana States; and

(b) if so, the time by which a separate High Court for Haryana State is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Import of Crude from Saudi Arabia

*302. SHRI ISHAQUE SAMBHALI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether India would import crude from Saudi Arabia in 1976;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof; and

(c) what will be the price of this crude to be paid by India?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) to (c). A contract has been signed between Indian Oil Corporation and the PETROMIN of Saudi Arabia for the supply of 1.1 million tonnes of crude oil during 1976. There is an accepted convention not to disclose the com-

mercial terms on which Indian Oil Corporation makes its purchases from foreign countries.

Maintenance of Steam Engines

*303. SHRI SAROJ MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of steam engines in service at present and the number out of them which are considered to be over-aged;

(b) what special steps are being taken about securing parts of these engines; and

(c) how many such over-aged steam engines were involved in accidents or failures during the last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI):

(a) Out of 5096 Broad Gauge and 3015 Metre Gauge Steam Locomotives in service, 606 Broad Gauge and 293 Metre Gauge are overaged.

(b) Certain vital spares for which adequate manufacturing capacity is not available with the Railway Repair Work shops, are being supplemented by manufacturing them at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, Chittaranjan.

(c) Only one Broad Gauge and one Metre Gauge locomotives were involved in accidents on the Southern and Northeast-Frontier Railways respectively. 54 Broad Gauge and 28 Metre Gauge overaged locomotives failed during the last year.

Concessional Rates for Export Items
of Industrial Raw Materials

*305. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have been carrying industrial raw materials and