

received by the Government that it was not followed.

श्री कमलापति त्रिपाठी : कोई शिकायत नहीं आई।

SHRI D. BASUMATARI: Just now the hon. Minister said that in the case of promotions of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe candidates seniority-cum-fitness will also be taken into consideration. I want to know whether it is a fact that since this principle has been adopted for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates no officer has been promoted in the absence of efficiency recommendation. I also want to know particularly since this principle has been adopted by the Ministry, how many Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes officers have been promoted in the departments under his Ministry?

MR. SPEAKER: Have you followed his question? Could not follow.

श्री कमलापति त्रिपाठी : लेकिन यह बिलकुल दूसरा सवाल है कि विभाग में कितने शेड्यूलड कास्ट्स लिये हैं।

उन का सवाल यह है कि शिपिंग और ट्रांसपोर्ट डिपार्टमेंट में शेड्यूलड कास्ट्स और ट्राईव्स का जो रिजर्वेशन आर्डर में लिखा हुआ है वह कितना फोलो हुआ है।

It is a separate question. I want notice.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee—absent.

New rates for Taxis and Scooters in Delhi due to rise in petrol price

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*313. SHRI MUHAMMED

SHERIFF;

SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD
VERMA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new rates for taxis and scooters in Delhi have been announced;

(b) whether the rates have been highly increased compared to the rise in petrol price; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI KAMLA-PATI TRIPATHI): (a) Yes. The new rates are as under:—

Taxis.—For first 1.6 kms. Rs. 1.50

For every subsequent one km.
or part thereof Re. 0.90

Auto-rickshaws.—For first 1.6 kms. Re. 0.70

For every subsequent one km.
or part thereof Re. 0.40

(b) No. While there has been a 94 per cent increase in the price of petrol as compared to its price in 1971, when the fares for taxis and scooter rickshaws were last revised, the present increase in the taxi and auto-rickshaw fares range from 33.33 per cent to 50 per cent.

(c) does not arise.

SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF: Even after including the rate of oil worked out on the basis of the financial estimate, the fare of an auto-rickshaw doing 16 km in one litre of petrol at the new rates works out to be only 8 paise per km. Instead of increasing the rate on the basis of the increased cost of petrol, the STA has increased the rates from 33 to 100 per cent. What is the reason for this?

SHRI KAMLAPATI TRIPATHI: It is not known to me as to what is the reason.

अभी जो इनकीज हुआ है रेट्स में 33.33 परसेंट ओटो रिक्शा में और 50 परसेंट टैक्सों में यह पेट्रोल की कीमत जो बढ़ी है उस के हिसाब से उन को नया रेट लगा दिया गया है। अब इस के बारे में क्या सवाल उठता है वह आप करें तो उसकी जानकारी हासिल कर के आप बता दें।

SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF:
May I know whether there is any possibility for further price rise in petrol, crude oil and kerosene, and if so, the particulars thereof? Is it also not a fact that the petrol pumps in Madras and Delhi went dry during the last few weeks?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister is answering on behalf of the Ministry of Shipping and Transport. As far as crude oil is concerned, you may put your question to the concerned Minister.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Gunny bag scandal in F.C.I.

*304. **SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI:**
SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether F.C.I. has failed to recover the cost of Gunny bags in which foodgrains were supplied to the flour mills;

(b) if so, whether F.C.I. is responsible for causing heavy losses to the Union Government; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) to (c). The Central issue prices of wheat to the State Governments and the roller flour mills ex-FCI depots/f.o.r. destinations are fixed for bagged wheat

including the cost of gunny. In the economic cost of wheat, the price of gunny is one of the items of cost in addition to the various other incidental charges incurred by the F.C.I. In the cost structure of the end products of wheat also, the cost of gunny bags is reflected. At present as a policy, the FCI is being reimbursed the difference between the economic cost of wheat and the Central issue prices and as such the question of separately recovering the cost of gunny from the State Governments and R.F. Mills by the F.C.I. over and above the issue prices does not arise.

Request from Sri Lanka for Indian Ships

*305. **SHRI R. N. BARMAN:**
SHRI V. MAYAVAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sri Lanka has requested India for the supply of ships;

(b) if so, the agreement arrived at between Sri Lanka and Indian Government;

(c) whether a joint ship service by Sri Lanka and Indian Government is likely to be started; and

(d) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI KAMLA-PATI TRIPATHI): (a) and (b). A Shipping Delegation from Sri Lanka which visited India in November, 1973 showed interest in placing orders for ships of 2000 to 20,000 DWT on Indian shipyards. It was decided to supply specifications of ships to them for consideration.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. It was agreed that a joint shipping service would be operated between Indian and Sri Lanka ports. This service could be started with one small vessel each