

tions, who supplement the Railways' Vigilance work.

**Consumption of Petrol and Petroleum Products**

226. SHRI PHOOL CHAND  
VARMA:  
SHRI MANJAY LAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken various steps with a view to reducing consumption of petrol and petroleum products.

(b) if so, whether Government have made any estimate of the annual consumption of petrol and petroleum products in Public and private sector in the country;

(c) if so, the quantity of petrol and petroleum products consumed in public and private sector, separately during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) the quantity estimated to be consumed in these sectors separately during the current year; and

(e) the quantity of petrol and other petroleum products saved so far, product-wise and sector-wise during the current year as a result of steps taken by Government to reduce the consumption of petrol and petroleum products?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Data regarding consumption of petrol and petroleum product is in public and private sectors, separately is not available.

(e) It is too early to assess the impact of

the different measures for containment of demand which were announced on 21st June 1990.

**Price of Cement**

227. SHRI PHOOL CHAND  
VERMA:  
SHRI MANJAY LAL:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had advised the cement manufacturers in April-May, 1990 to lower the prices of cement;

(b) if so, whether the rates of cement have come down in various parts of the country during the months of June-July;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have issued special instructions to those cement producing units which are not utilising their full capacity; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the drastic steps proposed to be taken by Government to provide cement at fair prices in future?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). At most consumption centres in the country, particularly in the Western and Northern Regions, there was a fall in cement prices during May and early June.

(d) and (e). Increased efforts are being made to provide infrastructural support to the Cement Industry in the form of adequate supply of Coal and Rail Wagons in order to ensure optimum production and to make maximum cement available in the market. Constant monitoring is being done to facili-