

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA): (a) to (c). During the last 6 months about 91 complaints have been received by Indian Oil Corporation from its LPG consumers in Kanpur market. These complaints have been investigated and appropriate actions have been taken accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

Pilferage of Crude from Pipelines

706. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY. Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any estimate of crude pilfered from pipelines every year;

(b) if so, the quantity and values thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to check the pilferage?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA): (a) The small and sporadic losses/pilferage of crude oil from crude oil pipelines cannot be determined.

(b) Does not arise

(c) The following preventive steps have been taken to check pipeline leaks:

- (i) Utilization of services of Home Guard, Gram Raksha Dal & Sarpanches.
- (ii) Foot patrolling by oil company security personnel.

(iii) Mobile patrolling with local police.

(iv) Deployment of horse mounted police in selective crime prone areas.

(v) Use of helicopter for surveillance of pipelines.

(vi) Special checking of pipelines at road crossing, railways crossing etc.

Petrochemical Complex in Punjab

707. BABA SUCHA SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a petrochemicals complex in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its proposed location?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA): (a) and (b). While there is no petrochemical complex in Punjab under consideration during the 8th plan period, it may be feasible to consider setting up of such a complex in Punjab at a later stage.

[*Translation*]

Oil and Gas Exploration in Rajasthan

708. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in Thar desert of Rajasthan where the efforts for oil and gas exploration are being made by the Oil India Limited and the Oil and Natural Gas Commission;