

आवे यूनिट से बड़े ठेके देने में अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जन-जाति के उम्मीदवारों को प्राथमिकता दी जाती है, बतते कि अन्य बातें समान हों। सरकार के नोटिस में ऐसा कोई मामला नहीं आया है जिसमें पात्र हरिजनों या आदिवासियों को खान-पान के ठेकों से बाँचित रखा गया हो।

Appointment of M/s Sewnarayan Khub Chand, Calcutta as Agent by Bharat Petroleum Corporation

*36. SHRI SHYAM SUNDER GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. has appointed M/s Sewnarayan Khub Chand, Calcutta as the selling agent for their product i.e. S.B.P. and AROMAX, in Calcutta;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited have not appointed any distributors for their products and sell their products through several parties;

(d) whether Government propose to discontinue "middleman", sole selling distribution system and if not, the reasons thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to persuade the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited to supply their products through other parties to ensure healthy competition and better availability of their products in the market; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) and (b). M/s. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC) meets its demands for SBP at Calcutta by direct supply in the case of larger consumers e.g., Dunlops, Batas, National

Rubber Manufacturing Co. etc. The company has two distributors e.g., M/s. Sewnarayan Khub Chand and M/s. Phumbhra Agencies, for meeting the requirements of smaller consumers. For Aromax, M/s. Sewnarayan Khub Chand are BPC's only distributors but the total volume is between 20 to 25 KL per month. These distributors were appointed by the Burmah Shell Group (a foreign oil company) much before its take-over by the Government on 24-1-1976.

(c) M/s. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPC) market their solvent through two resellers e.g., (1) M/s. Goenka Chemicals Industries and (2) M/s. Shree Shyam Agencies, Calcutta. Company has no contractual obligations with these parties and any consumer who wishes to take this product in bulk in tank trucks on a regular basis could buy the product directly from HPC. They are not marketing the product Aromax.

(d) to (f). It is the general policy of Government to dispense with intermediaries in the supplies of petroleum products. Products like SBP are being supplied direct by BPC and HPC to bulk consumers, where the consumer has a valid storage licence. However, both BPC and HPC supply the product to small consumers through distributors or resellers. Appointment of additional distributors to meet the needs of small consumers could be considered by BPC only if it is economically justified.

बर्ष 1977-78 के दौरान गैस कनेक्शन

* 37. श्री मनोहर लाल : क्या पेट्रो-लिक्म तथा रसायन और उर्वरक मन्त्री निम्न-लिखित जानकारी देने वाला एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रखने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) वित्तीय वर्ष 1977-78 के दौरान सई 1978 तक गैस कनेक्शनों के लिए लोगों से कुल कितने आवेदन पत्र