

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) Government have no information.

(b) Does not arise

रेलवे बंगनों का दुरुपयोग

*407. श्री एम० एल० पुरती : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार व्यापारियों द्वारा माल छिपाने के उद्देश्य से रेलवे बंगनों का दुरुपयोग रोकने के लिए किसी योजना पर विचार कर रही है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी मुख्य बातें क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय से राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुहम्मद झकी कुरैशी) : (क) और (ख) भारतीय रेल अधिनियम और/या उसके अधीन बनाये गये नियमों में सशोधन करने के प्रस्ताव पर विचार किया जा रहा है ताकि परेषणों को उनके गतव्य स्थान पर पहुँचने के सात दिनों के अन्दर सुपूर्दगी नहीं लेने पर उन्हें कुछ अधिसूचित स्टेशनों पर जहाँ ऐसे परेषण इकट्ठे हो गये हों, निःबटाया जा सके।

Supply of Inferior Petroleum Products to Defence Industries

*408. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry or Companies under it received any communication from Supply Ministry

about the supply of inferior Petroleum products to Defence Industries and public sector undertakings; and

(b) what action was taken to improve the quality of petroleum products supplied to the Public sector establishments as well as the general public?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A letter dated 6th March, 1972 was addressed by Secretary, Ministry of Supply to the Chairman, IOC enclosing a note listing various complaints against IOC for wrong, defective and short supplies and for irregularities in submission of claims and billing. A copy of the letter was also endorsed to Secretary Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals.

The matter was fully investigated, by the IOC and later by the Ministry of Supply on the basis of Chairman, IOC's reply. Corrective action was taken by the IOC as necessary to improve the quality of supplies against DGS&D contracts.

Panambur-Mangalore Railway Line

*409. SHRI P. R. SHENOY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the new Panambur-Mangalore railway line is out of use for a long time after it was inaugurated; and

(b) when this line will be put to use?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI L. N. MISHRA): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.