

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

Islamic Confederation of Fundamentalist States

*54. SHRI DEVENDRA PRANSAD YADAV:
SHRI SRIKANTA JENA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether concern has recently been expressed about the imminent possibility of formation of an Islamic Confederation of Fundamentalist States some of them having nuclear capability;

(b) if so, what are the likely implications involved for security of India; and

(c) the reaction of the Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir. There have been reports about such concern having expressed.

(b) and (c). Government keeps a constant watch on the evolving security environment for India regionally and globally and will defend its national integrity under all circumstances.

[Translation]

Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets in Rajasthan

*55. SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR

(DEEPA): Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol/diesel retail outlets opened so far in Rajasthan;

(b) whether the Government propose to open new petrol/diesel retail outlets in Rajasthan during 1992; and

(c) if so, the locations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) As on 1-1-1992, there were 894 petrol/diesel retail outlets in Rajasthan.

(b) and (c). Petrol/diesel retail outlets are opened in different places including in Rajasthan as per the Marketing Plans, availability of the products, etc.

Economic Criteria for Backward Classes

*56. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
SHRI KAMLA MISHRA
MADHUKAR:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have fixed any economic criteria for socially and educationally backward classes and economically weaker sections as directed by the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Prime Minister had written on