

(a) whether the Government propose to open Jute Research Centre in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the number of such centres proposed to be opened alongwith their location?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Oil Refinery in Tanjore

4709. SHRI K. THULASIAH VAN-DAYAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set-up a new oil refinery in Tanjore;

(b) whether the Government propose to increase the royalty to Tamil Nadu and Assam on crude oil;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the plans to expand the exploration activity for oil and natural gas in the Cauvery Basin; and

(e) the total estimated crude reserves in the basin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) M/s Madras Refin-

eries Ltd. is setting up a 0.5 MMTPA crude distillation unit at Panangudi village in Thanjavur District.

(b) and (c). The report of the Eswaran Committee on the rate of royalty on crude oil and natural gas, appointed by Government, is under examination.

(d) and (e). In order to supplement exploration for oil and gas in the Cauvery basin, one offshore block has been offered in the Fourth Round of bidding. The recoverable reserves in this basin as on 1.1.91 are 8.31 million tonnes

[Translation]

Revised Price of DMS Milk Products

4710. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of milk, butteer and ghee marketed by Delhi Milk Scheme have been recently revised;

(b) if so, the revised rates of these products; and

(c) when the revised rates came into effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) to (c). The scale price of Toned Milk marketed by DMS was revised from Rs. 4.50 to Rs. 5.00 per litre w.e.f. 14. 12.90. The sale prices of Ghee and Butter were revised from 7th October, 1991 as under:

(Rs. per pack)

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of milk product</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>To</i>
1.	CHEE		
	1 kg. Polypack	80.00	90.00
	1 kg. Tin	84.00	95.00
	2 kg. Tin	167.00	190.00
2.	TABLE BUTTER (SALTED)		
	100 Grams	7.50	8.00
	500 Grams	35.00	39.00
3.	WHITE BUTTER		
	500 Grams	36.00	40.00

*[English]***Report on Paradip Refinery**

4711. SHRI LOKANATH CH-
 OUDHURY: Will the Minister of PETRO-
 LEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to
 state:

(a) whether the feasibility report for an
 oil refinery at Paradip was submitted to the
 Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) whether the Government propose to
 implement the project during the Eighth Five
 Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
 MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATU-
 RAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
 MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S.
 KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (c). There is a
 proposal to set up a 6 million tonne per

annum capacity grass root refinery in East-
 ern India during the 8th and 9th Plan period.

**New Building for Regional Passport
 Office, Bangalore**

4712. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA
 URS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AF-
 FAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to
 construct a new building for the Regional
 Passport Office, Bangalore;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Govern-
 ment in the matter;

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal
 to shift the above Office to a spacious build-
 ing; and

(d) the total area of the existing building
 and the rent being paid every month