

allowed to take medical treatment at the hospitals or dispensaries of their respective public sector undertakings; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to take steps to allow retired public sector employees to get medical facilities in those places at nominal rate or free of cost?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b). As per the information available with the Government, these companies are extending Medical Facilities to their retired employees from their Hospitals/Dispensaries.

Vayudoot Service between Hubli-Bombay

1171. **SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vayudoot services are operating between Hubli and Bombay via Belgaum; and

(b) if not, when it is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Vayudoot has no immediate plans to operate services between Hubli and Bombay via Belgaum.

Registration for LPG with HPC Dealers In Bangalore City

1172. **SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applicants with various Hindustan Petroleum Corporation dealers in Bangalore city for LPG connections

upto 31st May, 1989;

(b) the year and month upto which the waiting list has been cleared;

(c) whether the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation contemplate to publish the waiting list cleared, agency-wise, once in three months; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) As on the 1st April, 1989 there were approximately 18,100 persons on the waiting list for LPG connections with 21 distributors of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation in Bangalore.

(b) The date of clearance of the waiting lists varies from distributor to distributor. At some locations the waiting list has been cleared upto July, 1989.

(c) and (d). While Hindustan Petroleum Corporation does not publish the waiting list cleared, agency-wise, its LPG distributors are required to display, amongst other things, the following information regarding waiting list at their showroom:

- i) waiting list registration number as at close of previous day; and
- ii) waiting list number and date of last installation done.

Joint Ventures with Canadian Oil Companies

1173. **SHRI Y.S. MAHAJAN:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up joint ventures with Canadian Oil Companies in the areas of oil exploration, produc-