

foreign collaboration is permitted in the case of hotels planned for the 4-star or 5-star category or resort hotel category. Under such collaboration, the Indian party gets access to foreign collaborators' network of global reservations, advertising and publicity services instead of setting up such services on its own which involve heavy expenditure in foreign exchange. In view of this position the question of dependence on imports does not arise.

Prices of Petrol and Diesel

4170. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the comparative prices of petrol and high speed diesel per litre in India, Pakistan, Srilanka, United States of America and United Kingdom as on 31 Decemcer, 1987; and

(b) the break up of the duties of excise and customs, sales tax, etc. in the price of petrol as well as diesel per litre in the country ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM):

(a) The Comparative prices of petrol and high speed diesel oil in the four countries (for which data are available as on Jan./Feb. 1987) are given below :

Country	Rs./ Litre	
	Motor Spirit (Petrol)	HSD
India (Delhi)	7.43	3.50
Pakistan (Islamabad)	5.33	2.95
Srilanka (Colombo)	6.22	3.75
U.K. (London)	7.04	6.40

The prices of Petrol and Diesel at Delhi on 31.12.87 also were the same as indicated above.

(b) The element of excise/customs duty and sales tax included in the price build up of petrol and diesel at Delhi as on date are as under :

	Rs./Litre	
	Petrol	Diesel
Excise duty	2.33	0.35
Sales tax	0.55	0.23
Sales tax surcharge	0.03	0.03

Wage Revision in Public Sector Units

4171. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR :

SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any plan of Government for revision of wages in the public sector units; and

(b) if so, the details of discussions held with representatives of Trade Unions ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) The policy for wage revision has been laid down by Government.

(b) Wage settlements in public sector enterprises are reached bilaterally between the employees and the management of each unit and Government does not hold discussions in this regard with representatives of Trade Unions.

[*Translation*]

Fund for Advertisements to Encourage Small Newspapers

4172. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry propose to set up a separate fund for the advertisements to be distributed through DAVP in order to encourage the small newspapers;

(b) if so, the time by which this separate fund is likely to be set up; and

(c) if not, whether the number of the advertisements to be given to small newspapers each year will be fixed ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF