

and above the prices effective January 1, 1979 Iraq had introduced such a premium in respect of their oil supplies for the month of March. At the OPEC Meeting held in Geneva on March 26, OPEC Member States have decided to fix the price of the Marker Crude at US \$ 14 546 per barrel with effect from 1st April, 1979 which corresponds to an increase of 14.5 per cent over the prices applicable till December, 1979. Besides this increase, it has been left for each Member Country to levy a further premium which it deems justifiable.

While the Government is concerned with the adverse economic impact on our economy of crude price increase, OPEC have for their own reasons not accepted the concept of having a differential price for the oil importing developing countries.

(c) Supplies of 55 million tonnes of crude oil will be made by Iraq during 1979 in terms of a contract between the Indian Oil Corporation and the Iraqi National Oil Company. In addition Iraq has promised to make best endeavours to supply an additional 1 million tonnes of crude oil during the year depending upon availability. It is however a matter of gratification that on our plea made subsequently Iraq has released 3,50,000 tonnes from out of their one million tonnes during the months January-March, 1979. Inasmuch as the crude price increase announced by Iraq is in terms of the contractual provision and is in line with the general OPEC decision on crude oil prices, the question of excess payment on import of Iraqi Oil does not arise.

#### Amount spent by DAVP on Display of Advertisements

7819 SHRI G M BANATWALLA Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.

(a) what was total amount spent by the DAVP on (i) display adver-

tisements and (ii) classified advertisements during the years 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 respectively;

(b) how much was spent on the aforementioned types of advertisements in Urdu language press in these years, and

(c) whether it is proposed to increase adequately the allocations for Urdu and if so, by how much?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L K ADVANI) (a) The total value of advertisements by DAVP, both display and classified, during the years 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 was as under

	Display	Classified
	Rs	Rs
(i) 1975-76	1 09 35 726	1 11 33 171
(ii) 1976-77	1 15 97 018	1 19 89 604
(iii) 1977-78	85 84 182	1 48 37 487

(b) The total value of (i) display advertisements and (ii) classified advertisements in Urdu language papers during 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 was as under

	Display	Classified
	Rs	Rs
(i) 1975-76	10 87 753	6 23 155
(ii) 1976-77	14 54 121	7 21 249
(iii) 1977-78	6 84 699	8 13 477

(c) Urdu papers and journals are already being given special consideration and receive fair share of Government advertisements and rank third among the various languages in regard to the space and value of DAVP advertisements.