

(c) It is expected that approximately 250 Indian firms both from Public & Private sectors would participate in the Exhibition.

(d) An expenditure of Rs. 80 lakhs is estimated to be incurred on organising this Exhibition.

**Supply of Crude Oil by USSR in exchange of Rice**

3840. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA—Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that USSR has agreed to supply an additional quantity of two lakh tonnes of crude oil, 5 lakh tonnes of HSD oil during this year in exchange of rice and other goods;

(b) what are the items and the quantities to be supplied to USSR against the import of two lakh tonnes

of crude oil and five lakh tonnes of HSD oil; and

(c) what are the present ruling prices of these items in the international markets/domestic markets?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). An Agreement has been concluded with the USSR for import from that country of 2 lakh tonnes of crude oil and 5 lakh tonnes of HSD oil, delivery schedule for which is to be negotiated, against export from India of five lakh tonnes of rice by end of June, 1981. The supply of crude oil and HSD will be in addition to the annual quota for the year 1980 and 1981.

(c) The present ruling prices of crude oil and HSD in the international/domestic markets are as follows:—

	Crude	HSD
International . . . . .	\$ 31.96/barrel FOB  (Prices effective from 1-7-80)	\$ 306.50 per Metric tonne FOB Italy  (Price as on 7-7-80)
Domestic . . . . .	Rs. 310/Metric tonne (on shore)  Rs. 475/Metric tonne (off shore)	Rs. 196c per Kilolitre

Details of the varieties and quality specifications of rice to be supplied are still to be negotiated and finally settled. It is, therefore, not possible to indicate the prices in international/domestic markets at this stage.

**Road Transport on International level**

3841. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for running road transport on International Level connecting

on International Level connecting countries like Australia, U. K., Middle East etc. from India for promotion of tourism; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.