

(c) The Government have recently formulated a National Perspective for Water Resources Development in the country which will provide Irrigation facilities to drought prone areas and will also help in control of floods to some extent. It may also help in providing drinking water in some areas.

#### **India's Technical Know-how in Oil Exploration to Foreign Countries**

4242. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries where Indian technical know-how in oil exploration is assisting; and

(b) the terms and conditions regarding the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Iraq.

(b) Oil & Natural Gas Commission is having a drilling contract in Iraq for a period of 2 years w.e.f. 29-1-1979 ONGC receives payment on the basis of metreage drilled.

#### **Studio for A.I.R. Station at Visakhapatnam**

4243. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the A.I.R. Station at Visakhapatnam has not been equipped with the necessary studio facilities; and

(b) why the construction of the necessary buildings for A.I.R. at Visakhapatnam has been delayed even after getting the required site from the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Interim studio facilities in a rented

building are available at A.I.R., Visakhapatnam, but these are inadequate.

(b) The delay in the construction of permanent studios has, occurred because the site for the studios, selected in 1971 and taken over in 1973, was taken back by the State Government before the work could be commenced. The alternative site was taken over in May 1979 after protracted correspondence with the State Government. On account of escalation of cost since 1971, when the project was approved, revised sanction for the project has become necessary, which is being obtained. The construction work will be taken up as soon as this sanction is received.

#### **Setting up of Kerosene Pumps by Indian Oil Corporation**

4244. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil Corporation has decided to set up kerosene pumps on the pattern of petrol pumps; and

(b) if so, places chosen, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Availability of Kerosene Oil in Rural Areas**

4245. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that kerosene oil is rarely available in rural areas throughout the country for the last three months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the quota of kerosene oil for domestic consumption for each State; and

(d) what is the control price of kerosene and whether it is being sold in the black market?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b). Due to the agitation in Assam and consequent closure of the three refineries in that State, and the Barauni refinery in Bihar, the overall availability position of kerosene in the country had become tight since January, 1980. Even then, the allocations of kerosene to the States and Union Territories between March and May, 1980 were higher than the actual sales of this product in the corresponding months of the previous year. While the oil companies make supplies of kerosene to their dealers and wholesale agents, the retail distribution of this products is entirely the responsibility of the State Government and Union Territory Administrations. The

State Governments etc. have been advised to ensure equitable distribution of kerosene within the State by streamlining the distribution system.

(c) The State-wise allocations of kerosene for the months of April, May, and June 1980 are given in the statement attached. Bulk of kerosene allotted is being consumed in the domestic sector.

(d) The basic ceiling selling price of kerosene ex-Bombay is Rs. 1294.93/Kl. To this, other charges such as transportation octroi, sales tax, local taxes, and dealer's commission are added when kerosene is sold in retail. As already stated in reply to (a) and (b) above, retail distribution of kerosene is the responsibility of State Governments etc. who have been advised to take effective steps to curb malpractices like blackmarketing, hoarding etc. which are usually experienced in time of shortages.

#### Statement

#### Kerosene allocations

(Figures in Metric Tonnes)

States/Union Territories	April 1980	May 1980	June 1980
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh . . . . .	22395	25000	23290
Arunachal Pradesh . . . . .	142	100	250
Andaman & Nicobar . . . . .	79	100	80
Assam . . . . .	10025	10700	11170
Bihar . . . . .	23000	23000	18910
Chandigarh . . . . .	800	800	620
Dadra & Nagar Haveli . . . . .	55	100	50
Delhi . . . . .	9900	9900	7400
Gujarat . . . . .	32820	32900	29780
Goa, Daman & Diu . . . . .	1262	1100	1240
Haryana . . . . .	4687	5200	5020

1	2	3	4
Himachal Pradesh . . . . .	1210	1210	1140
Jammu & Kashmir . . . . .	1935	1935	1830
Karnataka . . . . .	20000	19400	17450
Kerala . . . . .	10826	10700	10530
Madhya Pradesh . . . . .	15889	16500	16490
Maharashtra . . . . .	66029	64500	62270
Manipur . . . . .	604	600	580
Meghalaya . . . . .	715	600	700
Mizoram . . . . .	199	100	110
Nagaland . . . . .	440	400	360
Orissa . . . . .	8500	8500	5490
Punjab . . . . .	9300	12500	12550
Pondicherry . . . . .	564	600	500
Rajasthan . . . . .	11291	9800	9180
Sikkim . . . . .	398	400	400
Tamil Nadu . . . . .	26939	27900	24820
Tripura . . . . .	932	600	740
Uttar Pradesh . . . . .	32270	34000	30870
West Bengal . . . . .	34456	34500	28790

**Payment of Commission for L.P. Gas to Agents of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation**

4246. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sub-agents and Agents of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation are getting a commission of only Rs. 1.50 and Rs. 2.75 per cylinder respectively as against Rs. 3.37 to other agents of the same company;

(b) if so, whether there is any representation from the Sub-Agents and Agents for their upgradation on par with full fledged Agents; and

(c) if so, what is the action taken?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government have initiated a review of the sub-dealership system of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation with a view to frame proposals for streamlining the present arrangement.

**Proposal for Development of National Films Archives of India**

4247. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposals for proper functioning and development of the National Films