

(c) and (d). Yes. Oil and Natural Gas Commission have been sending their officers, for this purpose, for training abroad, from time to time. A total of 439 officers have been trained abroad so far in various countries including USSR. Four officers are presently undergoing training abroad. Two of them are in Canada, one in Iran, and one in Netherlands. The fields of their specialisation concern Geology, Geophysics and Off-shore drilling.

Discontinuance of use of U.S. Transport Planes for transporting of Bangla Desh Refugees

7312. SHRI C.K. CHANDRAPAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided not to continue the use of U. S. Transport planes for the transportation of evacuees from Bangla Desh ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the alternate arrangements made for the quick transportation of the refugees ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) (a) and (b) . The U.S. Airlift Mission ended its work on schedule on July 17, 1971.

(c) Indian Air Force planes, rail and road transport are also being used at present for the transportation of the refugees in the area where the U.S. planes were being used.

Production and Consumption of Menthol

7313. SHRI ANAND SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of total consumption of Menthol in the country per year in the form of crystals or oil; and,

(b) the total yearly production in the country ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) :

(a) and (b). Menthol is generally used in pharmaceutical preparations, cosmetics, cigarettes etc. Its consumption has not been assessed. However, the production of menthol in the country during the last three years was as under :

1968	56 tonnes
1969	65 tonnes
1970	80 tonnes

According to the current import policy, i.e. April 1971 to March 1972 menthol is banned for imports. Production in 1970 can, however, be taken as indicative of the extent of consumption of menthol in the country.

Representation regarding mal-practices and mis-management of M/s. Smith Stanistreet Company, Calcutta

7314. SHRI SAROJ MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representations regarding mal-practices and mis-management of M/s. Smith Stanistreet & Company, Calcutta;