

Study made by N.P.C. for economy in use of Diesel

3229. SHRI P. GANGA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Productivity Council had made a study to achieve economy in the consumption of diesel oil; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the study.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI ZIAUR REHMAN ANSARI): No such study was made recently by the National Productivity Council. However, in 1966, a study was conducted by the Council in one of the State Road Transport Corporations.

(b) The study estimated the potentialities of reducing the diesel oil consumption from 27 litres/100 kilo metres run to 22 litres/100 kilo metres run on the following basis:—

(i) Analysis of the fleet with respect to various deficiencies versus diesel consumption;

(ii) Evaluation of norms of Diesel Consumption after actual experimentation;

(iii) Rescheduling of Bus Routes; and

(iv) Gearing up organisational procedures for more effective control.

Disposal of condemned old locomotives

3230. SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to do away with condemned old locomotives in the country; and

(b) if so, the mode of disposal proposed for them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes. As per the extant instructions condemned locomotives are disposed of.

(b) The disposal is made through auction/tender sale.

Manufacture of Sodium Dichromate by Tatas

3231. SHRI DHAMANKAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the manufacture of Sodium Dichromate is exclusively reserved for the Small Scale Sector;

(b) whether the Tatas are proposing to set up a large sized Sodium Dichromate Plant in Orissa in collaboration with a State Government Undertaking; and

(c) if so, whether permission has been granted to the Tatas for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

British Assistance in Interpretation of Oil Exploration Data

3232. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Government has offered to depute some officials to provide technical assistance to India in the interpretation of Offshore oil exploration data; and

(b) if so, the decision of Indian Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI