

as provided for under the rules. Whether the number of deputationists should be increased or not, was one of the questions considered in connection with the filling of the vacancies. Some members of the IFS Association were not in favour of any such increase, and suggested the alternative of larger recruitment at the junior level of the IFS itself, which would eventually serve to meet the shortage in the higher grades.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

Use of Ashoka Chakra as Emblem of 'Empire Room'

4495. SHRI VIRENDRAKUMAR SHAH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3326 on the 19th August, 1970 and state :

(a) whether the verification of facts about the use of Ashoka Chakra as emblem of 'Empire Room' in a hotel in USA has been completed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no Ashok Chakra emblem in the 'Empire Room' of Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles or in any other part of the Hotel.

Import of Crude oil as Feed Stock for Petro-Chemicals

4496. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SHAH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether according to Indian Chemical Manufacturers' Association, a fertilizer programme based on import of

1.2 million tons of crude oil costing about Rs. 12.00 crores would be sufficient to produce One million tons of Complex NP 2⁹⁵ fertilizer valued at Rs. 200.0 crores;

(b) whether the "value-added" basis for petro-Chemicals based on imported naphtha would be even higher than fertilizer; and

(c) If the replies to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, whether Govt. plan to import crude oil in a big way ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS, AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) :

(a) Yes.

(b) Value added in the manufacture of petro-chemicals from imported naphtha will vary a great deal depending on which petro-chemical is produced. Thus if it is methanol, the value added may not be substantially more than fertilizers but if it is plastics, it would be substantially more fertilizers. However, this is true if there is a good demand for the petro-chemical concerned.

(c) The proposal has been considered by the Committee on feedstocks who has just reported. The Government is examining the report.

Supply of Note Books for Home Task to Students of Sainik School, Kapurthala

4497. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 969 on the 16th November, 1970 regarding the Sainik School, Kapurthala, and state :

(a) whether the information in respect of parts (c) and (d) has since been obtained and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the School provides the students with books and note books for