

*[English]***Petrol Pumps in Saldpur**

3474. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the petrol pumps working in the Saldpur Parliamentary constituency;

(b) the quantity of diesel supplied to Saldpur parliamentary Constituency during 1991 and how does the same compare with the supplies made in the last two years;

(c) the steps taken to locate more number of petrol pumps in the Constituency; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) There are 15 retail outlets in the Saldpur Parliamentary Constituency.

(b) 31,711 Kls during 1990-91 as against 31,107 Kls during 1989-90.

(c) and (d). Petrol/Diesel retail outlets are opened in different places as per MARKETING Plans, products availability, etc.

*[Translation]***Allotment of Mother Dairy Booths**

3475. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM: SHRI RAM PRAKASH CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria followed in allotment of Mother-dairy booths in Delhi;

(b) whether unemployed graduates are not given preference in allotment of Mother-Dairy booths;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the booths are also allotted to these persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) to (d). Mother Dairy Delhi, since its inception, has been following the policy of allotting its milk booths exclusively to Ex-servicemen. The names of Ex-servicemen for the purpose are sponsored by the Directorate General of Resettlement. After scrutinising their suitability the booths are allotted to the selected Ex-Servicemen on commission basis.

*[English]***Gore Magnetite Project of CCL**

3476. SHRI MANJAY LAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred in operating Gore Magnetite project of C.C.L. in the district of Palamau, Bihar during 1990;

(b) whether a large quantity of Magnetite is lying there;

(c) if so, the details along with the estimated value thereof;

(d) whether any representation has been received by the Union government for re-opening of this project by means of semi-mechanisation; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The expenditure incurred in operating Gore Magnetite Project of Central Coalfields Limited during 1990-91 was Rs. 81. 69 lakhs.

(b) and (c). A quantity of 7,421 tonnes is lying in Gore Magnetite Project. As per financial accounts of the Coal company the value of the stock is Rs. 44.53 lakhs.

(d) A reference has been received from the Hon'ble member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) for re-starting the Gore Magnetite mine.

(e) Since the geological investigations carried out in the recent past do not show any encouraging result, the Board of directors of the Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) had decided to close the Gore Magnetite mine. The workers have already been re-deployed in other mines of CCL.

Indo-Saudi Joint Commission

3477. **SHRI E. AHAMED:**
SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE:

Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indo-Saudi Joint Commission met recently at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether Saudi Arabia had sought India's participation in their projects;

(d) if so, the number of such projects and the amount involved in those projects; and

(e) the response of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (e). The third session of Indo-Saudi Joint Commission was held in New Delhi on the 13th and the 14th November of 1991. The deliberations showed that both sides were keen to strengthen bilateral, economic and technical cooperation. The Saudi side invited Indian participation in 50 projects with a total outlay of \$50 billion and the information on the projects is being disseminated to the interested Indian companies. Government warmly welcomes expansion and diversification of cooperation with Saudi Arabia including participation in projects there.

[Translation]

Drought in Bihar

3478. **SHRI KAMLA MISHRA**
MADHUKAR:
SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD
SINGH:
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:

Will the Minister of **AGRICULTURE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar is facing unprecedented drought condition at present and the agricultural production is likely to suffer as a result thereof;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Bihar sought additional aid assistance from the Union Government to tackle the situation; and

(d) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). It is too early to indicate the size of