

1995. Under these guidelines, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, *inter alia*, confers recognition upon both Indian and foreign adoption agencies working in the field of inter-country adoption *vis-a-vis* Indian children on the condition that these agencies strictly adhere to the aforesaid guidelines.

(d) Does not arise.

Malpractices in FCI Godown, Naraina

1939. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether malpractices in mixing the rejected sub standard foodgrains with good quality of foodgrains were detected in Food Corporation of India Godown in Naraina, Delhi during December, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such malpractices have been detected in other godowns of FCI;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government against the officials responsible for this practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. Neither any such practice is followed nor any such complaint has been received from any of the godowns of FCI.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.

LPG Dealership

1940. SHRI SURENDRA PRASAD YADAV (JHANJHARPUR) : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is only one L.P.G. dealership operating in district Madhubani (Bihar) catering the need of 16 Panchayats/Blocks in Ghogharia Block;

(b) if so, whether there is a demand for more L.P.G. dealership in that area; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) To meet the demand of the area, the following five LPG distributorships have been included in the approved LPG Marketing Plans for setting up LPG distributorships in Madhubani Distt. of Bihar:

1. Ghoghardiha
2. Karmagh
3. Jainagar
4. Benipatti
5. Madhubani

Selection of distributors is to be made by the Dealer Selection Board through interview of candidates applying against advertisements issued.

[Translation]

Unemployment Problem

1941. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI : SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage labour oriented technology for the eradication of unemployment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) to (c) The approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and eradication of poverty. Greater productive employment will be generated in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterized by higher rates of unemployment and underemployment.

[English]

Foreign Mercenaries

1942. SHRI ANANT KUMAR HEGDE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign mercenaries operating in different parts of the country; and

(b) the action taken by the Government in curtailing the activities of these mercenaries?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) A number of foreign mercenaries are reported to be operating in Jammu & Kashmir. The main militant outfits comprising of foreign mercenaries are:

1. Hizbul Mujahideen