

**Express Train Between Talcher and Howrah**

2072. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce an express train between Talcher and Howrah;

(b) if so, when the above proposal is expected to be implemented; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Production Cost of Petroleum and Petroleum Products**

2073. SHRI SUDAM DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of production of crude oil, petrol, diesel, cooking gas and kerosene in the last three years; and

(b) the classification of the taxes included in the final selling price, ex-storage in the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The average cost of production of crude oil per tonne for last 3 years 1987-88 to 89-90 in ONGC and oil is as under:

<i>Years</i>	<i>Oil (Rs /Tonne)</i>	<i>ONGC (Rs./Tonne)</i>
1987-88	1225.56	1215
1988-89	1311.28	1319
1989-90 (Provisional)	1569.17	1637

Oil industry functions on retention prices concept and is compensated for normative costs and margins for processing crude with reference to the prescribed capacity levels. The costs of production of individual products are not separately assessed. This retention price per M.T. of crude oil is allocated to various products by means of a series of index numbers. The marketing costs and

margins, filling charges, excise/customs duties and other surcharges are added to the weighted average of this allocated retention price of the various products for the different refineries to arrive at the ex-storage point price of the individual products. The ex-storage point price of petrol, diesel, cooking gas and kerosene in India during the last three years is given below: