

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS**

**Agreement with M/s. A. H. Wheeler
& Co. for Book Stalls**

**Production of Low-Viscosity Furnace
Oil by IOC for Power Generating
Plants**

***125. SHRI LALJI BHAI:**

**SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA
PANDEY:**

***124. SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI:**
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND CHEMICALS be pleased to
state:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation has again started processing low-viscosity furnace oil for the use of electric power generating plants in the Eastern region;

(a) whether recently the Railways entered into an agreement with M/s. A. H. Wheeler & Co. for book stalls which will come into operation in 1976 and whether their previous agreement will expire only in December, 1975;

(b) the total requirement of low-viscosity furnace Oil for the purpose of electricity generation in the country and the total production of this item in Indian refineries including those of Indian Oil Corporation; and

(b) whether the new agreement contravenes the extant rules and practices;

(c) whether the decision to revert to the production of low-viscosity furnace Oil was taken as a result of the request from the Ministry of Irrigation and Power?

(c) whether in the past any agreement was entered into by Railways with any other firms so much in advance of expiry of the existing one; and

(d) if not, the reasons for showing special favour to this firm?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM
AND CHEMICALS (SHRI D. K.
BOROOAH):** (a) Barauni Refinery has recently switched over to the production of low-viscosity Furnace Oil to meet the requirements of power stations in the Eastern Region.

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
MOHD. SHAFI KURESHI):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(b) Estimated requirement of furnace oil for power generation in Thermal Power station for the year 1974-75 is estimated at 435,000 tonnes. Except for the power stations in the Eastern Region all others are at present using heavy viscosity furnace oil. The total estimated production of low-viscosity FO (upto 600 Secs.) for 1974-75 is likely to be 180,000 tonnes.

(c) and (d). The renewal of book-stall contracts is normally taken up for consideration during the pendency of the subsisting contracts sufficiently in advance keeping in view the circumstances obtaining in each case and the performance of the respective contractors. Hence, no special favour has been shown to Messrs. A. H. Wheeler & Co. Similar action for renewal of contract has been taken in the case of other contractors like M/s. Higginbothams and Gulab Singh & Sons also.

(c) Yes, Sir.