

(b) If so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in this regard?

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Reports of shortages of LPG|Petrol|Diesel etc. in Delhi|UP/Gujarat and other parts of the country have been received in the last 3-4 months.

(b) Shortages have arisen partly on account of law and order situations which have hampered movement of petroleum products and partly due to restrictions in supplies which have been introduced to curb the consumption of petroleum products.

(c) In respect of LPG, bottling plants have been working on extended hours and holidays to increase production of filled cylinders. Arrangements have been made for priority supplies of diesel for movement of LPG trucks and addl. bulk|tank lorries have been pressed into service. The availability position has improved from Dec. 1990 as a result of these steps.

The cuts imposed on release of HSD and MS through retail outlets have been withdrawn from November 26, 1990 and November 7, 1990 respectively. HSD releases through retail outlets are now being made at the same level as in the corresponding period of the previous year, while M/s releases are being made by providing a growth of 4 per cent over releases in the previous year.

The availability position has improved as a result of these steps.

Decline in the production of crude oil

300. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRI BEKAL UTAHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of crude oil produced in the country during the last 5 years year-wise;

(b) whether there has been steady decrease in production; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps Government are taking to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) The quantity of crude oil produced in the country during last five years year-wise is given below:

Year	Qty. (Million Tonnes)
1985-86	30.17
1986-87	30.48
1987-88	30.36
1988-89	32.04
1989-90	34.09

(b) As can be seen from the figures above, there has not been any steady decrease in production.

(c) Does not arise.

Losses incurred by Vayudoot

301. SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the accumulated losses of Vayudoot as on data;

(b) what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to discontinue all financial assistance to Vayudoot; and

(d) whether Government are also considering winding up this feeder air lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) Since its inception in 1981, the accumulated losses of Vayudoot until now (December, 1990) are estimated to be about Rs.