

lers in Delhi are making short supplies and cheating the customers; and

(b) how many petrol/diesel pumps are operating at present in Delhi and how many surprise checks were made on measures during the last three years, year-wise and petrol pump-wise and the results thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROL-**

**HUM AND NATURAL GAS. (SHRI BRAHM DUTT):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) There are 235 petrol/diesel pumps in the Union Territory of Delhi. These are inspected by the Delhi Weight & Measures Department on regular basis besides the Oil Companies. The number of inspections conducted and prosecutions made by that Department during the last three years are given below:—

Year	No. of Inspections carried	No. of Prosecutions made
1986 . . . . .	1714	94
1987 . . . . .	1307	30
1988 & upto March '89 . . . . .	1514	80

**Paper strip to detect concentration of Iodine in Salt**

**2382. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the development of "Iodine detection paper strip" to measure the iodine concentration in iodine salt;

(b) whether Government propose to commercialise this product; and

(c) if so, what decision, if any, has been taken in the matter?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM):** (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research Institute, Bhavnagar, have developed a process entitled 'Indicator paper for on-the-spot testing of iodine in iodised salt' and they propose to commercialise the know-how after completing the procedural formalities in this regard.

**Special chemical for checking chrome pollution**

**2383. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a private Indian company in collaboration with Central Leather Research Institute, Madras has developed a special chemical for use in leather industry which controls pollution, especially chrome pollution; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM):** (a) and (b) The Central Leather Research Institute, Madras, with a private company, has developed a new product which contributes to higher chrome exhaustion and therefore reduction of chrome in waste streams. The Institute has also developed