

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH): (a) About 18 units are at present engaged in the manufacture of major synthetic fibre and yarn.

(b) The total licensed capacity and production of Synthetic Fibre and Yarn during 1984 and 1986 are given below:—

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Year	Licensed Capacity	Production
1984	2,21,500	1,61,400
1986	4,06,600	2,17,500

Sale Figures in respect of these items are not readily available.

(c) Some units of Polyester Filament Yarn have produced more than the licensed capacity mainly as they have reportedly produced coarser denier.

Additional amount estimated for import of oil

1025. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) What is the estimated additional amount that the country will have to spend on oil imports during the current year;

(b) the names of the countries together with the quality of oil to be imported from each and on what rates;

(c) whether Government propose to make spot purchases from the world market; and

(d) if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) It is difficult to estimate exactly the total foreign exchange involved on oil import during the current year, but it is likely to be higher than the previous year as the general level of prices is higher.

Name of the country	Quantity (in million tonnes)
1. USSR	4.50
2. Saudi Arabia	2.00
3. UAF	0.75
4. Iraq	3.50

The purchases against the term contracts are on the basis of OPEC prices which are different for different grades of crude oil.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Spot purchases are made from time to time depending on requirement of specific grades of crude, inventory levels prevailing prices etc.,