

Shakuibasti in Delhi the oil industry is putting up new LPG bottling plants, at locations close to -Delhi. These will be completed in 1988. Closure of the existing plants at Shakurbasti will be possible after the new plants stabilise in their operations.

Price* of soft drinks

*245. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have recently permitted the manufacturers of cold drinks industry to raise the prices of their products;

(b) if so, what is the extent of rise permitted for Campa cola, Thums Up, Thrill and Limca;

(c) what is the rise in prices affected by the manufacturers for their products; and

(d) what is the price of each bottle of 200 ml. of the different cold drinks in the market?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir. There is no statutory control' on the prices of soft drinks.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The prices of soft drinks in the market vary from place to place.

Currently, they vary from Rs. 2.50 to Rs. 3.00 per bottle. The increase in retail price in recent months has been around 50 paise per bottle.

Annual requirement and production of crude oil

*246. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the annual production and requirement of crude oil in India and how much oil was imported to meet the country's requirement during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that oil produced in India is costlier than that in other countries; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the cost of production of crude oil in India per barrel and how it compares with the cost of oil imported from outside; and

(d) what is the rate of duty levied on the imported oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The information is as under; —

(In million Tonnes)

Year	Production of crude oil	Requirement of crude oil	Gross Import of crude oil
1984-85	28.99	41.71	13.64
1985-86	30.17	43.94	15.14
1986-87 (Provisional)	30.46	46.86	15.6

(b) Indian crude oil is not traded in international market and as such no comparison in prices is possible.

(c) The information is :

		(Rs.)	
Years		Cost of production per barrel inclusive of statutory charges	CFR Value of imported crude per barrel
1984-85	ONGC	135.07	341.12
	OIL	120.76	
1985-86	ONGC	118.56	330.00
	OIL	128.94	
1986-87 (Prov.)	ONGC	117.27	172.9 (Apr. '86—Feb., 1987)
	OIL	135.49	

(d) The basic custom duty on imported crude oil is Rs. 660 per metric tonne since March, 1987.

Setting up of oil refinery at Thanjavur

*248. SHRI T. R. BALU:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY;

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the salient features of the new oil refineries to be set up at Karnal and Mangalore;

(b) by when the same are expected to start commercial production;

(c) whether Government propose to set up new oil refineries anywhere else in the near future; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the affirmative, whether Thanjavur is being considered for setting up an oil refinery; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (d) The refinery at Karnal will have a capacity to process 3 MTRA of crude oil and the growing needs of petrochemical products in the country.

The Karnal Refinery is expected to be completed in about 60 months. A detailed project report for the Mangalore Refinery will be prepared after a Memorandum of Understanding is entered into with the private sector — promoter. A decision on the Mangalore Refinery will be taken after considering the detailed project report.

A proposal to set up a new oil refinery in Assam is also under consideration. However, there is no proposal in the 7th Plan to set up any other grass root refineries.

Oil refineries are set up on the basis of various techno-economic considerations including availability of crude oil, demand-supply balance, etc. and based on the reports of experts.

सिलवानिया और फिलिप्स की डुप्लीकेट वस्तुएं

*252. श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :
क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सिलवानिया लक्ष्मण और फिलिप्स कम्पनी की डुप्लीकेट वस्तुओं का उत्पादन देश में विभिन्न राज्यों में खले आम और जोरों से किया जा रहा है ;