

Production of Maruti Cars

211. SHRI K. MOHANAN. Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual production of Maruti Car-800;

(b) how many applicants are at present on the waiting list for that car and by when the list is likely to be cleared;

(c) whether it is a fact that Japanese collaborator of 'Maruti' had Demanded a higher level of sophistication for the indigenous production of the components of the Car; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) (a) Maruti Udyog Limited is expected to manufacture over 20,000 Maruti cars during 1984-85;

(b) The waiting list as on 1st March 1985 is for 1,02,620 cars and Maruti expects to meet this demand by 1987.

(c) and (d). Maruti Udyog Limited uses components of the prescribed quality and standards fixed by it in consultation with the Japanese collaborator.

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Setting up of new synthetic rubber plants

216. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up two new synthetic plants in the country; and

(b) if so, the names of the States in which these plants are proposed to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA); (a) and (b). Two letters of intent have been issued for setting up synthetic rubber plants; one in Uttar Pradesh and another in Maharashtra.

Gas agencies in Andhra Pradesh

217. SHRI R. SAMBA SIVA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state;

(a) the total number of Indane Gas agencies functioning in Andhra Pradesh at present; and

(b) the number of new Gas agencies proposed to be allotted during the current financial year to that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA); (a) Presently, 215 LPG distributorships are in operation in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Selections for 30 LPG dealerships have been made and the selected candidates have been asked to take steps for commissioning them.

LPG Bottling capacity of Bharat Petroleum Corporation

218. SHRI R. SAMBA SIVA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual LPG bottling capacity of the Bharat Petroleum Corporation at present;

(b) whether the Corporation propose to set up a few more bottling plants in order to augment the supply of cooking gas; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA); (a) The annual LPG bottling capacity of Bharat Petroleum Corporation at present is 1,87,500 MT in its three plants located at Bombay, Delhi and Coimbatore.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Under Marketing of LPG Phase III Plan, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Propose to set up new bottling plants as follows:

Location	Annual Bottling capacity on the basis of two shift operation
Delhi (Asoti);	75,000 MT
Uran	75,000 MT
Ambala	25,000 MT
Jabalpur	25,000 MT
Tuticorin.	25,000 MT
Sholapur	12,500 MT
Jalgaon	12,500 MT
Mangalore	12,500 MT
Trivandrum	12,500 MT

Short supply of LPG refills by M/s. Vipay Ratten Enterprises

219. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that M/s. Vijay Ratten enterprises a gas agency in Laxmi Nagar, a Trans-Jamuna area of Delhi, took ten to twenty days to supply LPG refills to the consumers in the months of January and February, 1985 and that there is no indication of improvement in the supply position;

(b) whether the plea of short supply of LPG refills in Trans-Jamuna area of-Jeri made by the agency, is correct; and

(c) if not, what action Government propose to take against this agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b) There was a backlog of 3 to 10 days for supply of LPG refills with M/s. Vijay Ratten Enterprises, Delhi during January and February, 1985 due

to operational reasons and unrest among delivery staff of the distributor. The refill supply position now is normal.

(c) A close watch is being maintained to ensure that the distributor maintains the present satisfactory refill supply position to the customers.

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Telephone connections in Major Cities

221. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) the total number of existing telephone connections in each major city in the country;

(b) the number of applications for telephone connections pending as on the 31st December, 1984; and

(c) what are the proposals for expansion of telephone connections in the major cities in the country in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The total number of existing telephone connections and the number of applicants on waiting lists on 31st December, 1984 for major cities are given in the Statement.

(c) There are proposals to expand existing telephone exchanges wherever feasible and to open new telephone exchanges in major cities which are being implemented in near future, subject to the availability of resources. The number of new connections likely to be given in 1985-86 in these cities is given in the Statement.