

Cement Industry

*78. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have suspended further licensing in the cement industry; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what action Government propose to take in regard so that the country would not have to depend on imported cement?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Complaints against underweight LPG Refills

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

(a) what is the number of complaints received in his Ministry and by M/s. Prem Nath Motors (Private) Limited, Connaught Place, New Delhi regarding the supply of under-weight refills of Gas cylinders since June, 1984;

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted in the matter;

(c) if so, whether the outcome of the enquiry so conducted was communicated to the complainants; and

(d) what remedial measures Government have taken or propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) to (d) According to the information made available to Government, between June, 1984 and February, 1985. M/s. Prem

Nath Motors Private Limited not directly receive any complaints regarding underweight LPG cylinders supplied by them. Ten complaints including one sent from the Ministry of Petroleum, were, nevertheless, received during this period by the Indian Oil Corporation against M/s. Prem Nath Motors Private Limited about supply of underweight LPG cylinders. These complaints were enquired into by the Corporation and all of them were found to be correct. The consumers concerned were suitably compensated in each case. The distributor was issued warnings show cause notice and was cautioned to improve the performance.

Production of Petroleum

80. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state;

(a) what is the percentage of increase in the production of petroleum in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what is the saving in terms of foreign exchange on the import of petroleum during the above period;

(c) what is the amount of foreign exchange spent on the import of petroleum during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) what is the programme for the indigenous production of petroleum during the Seventh Five-Years Plan period; and

(e) by when the country will be self-sufficient in petroleum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) to (c) The percentage increase in the production of crude oil in the country, value of net import of crude oil and the consequent savings in