

विक्री केन्द्रों को छोड़कर केवल इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन लि० के लिये ही अपनी एजेंसियां डीलरशिपों के लिये आरक्षण लागू था। यह आरक्षण अखिल भारतीय आधार पर रखा जा रहा था। इस नीति के अन्तर्गत 1-4-1980 को कुल 195 एल० पी० जी० और 403 फुटकर पेट्रोल विक्री केन्द्रों में से 47 एल०पी०जी० और 103 फुटकर पेट्रोल विक्री केन्द्र अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों को दिये गये थे। राज्य वार सूचना उपलब्ध नहीं है। तथापि, 1980-81 से 25% आरक्षण राज्य-वार/संघ शासित प्रदेश वार आधार पर लागू किया गया है।

**Increase in royalty for oil from Assam and Gujarat oil fields**

74. SHRI VITHTHALBHAI MOTI-RAM PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat and Assam have been pressing for increase in royalty for the exploitation of oil from the oil-fields in the respective States;

(b) if so, what are the details of their demands; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main argument of the Gujarat Government is that with the increase in price of indigenous crude oil from Rs. 305 per tonne to Rs. 1182 per tonne with effect from July, 1981, the Royalty payable at the rate of Rs. 61 per tonne with effect from 1-4-1981 is very small. They have reiterated their demand that the rate of Royalty should be fixed with reference to international crude oil price.

The Government of Assam have requested that the revised rate of Royalty fixed is too meagre an increase considering the spurt in world prices of crude and they have suggested that the Royalty may be paid at the rate of Rs. 400/- per tonne.

(c) The matter is under examination.

**Bombay Refinery**

75. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA-KANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bombay Refinery has restarted functioning after the shut down following a rupture in the furnace tubes of crude distillation units; and

(b) if so, when and what was the total exten. of loss of production caused due to the accident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The refinery restarted on April 21, 1982. The loss in production of petroleum products during this period of shut down of the refinery is estimated to be about 0.25 million tonnes.

**Oil find in Cambay, Gujarat**

76. SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether oil has recently been struck in Cambay in Central Gujarat;

(b) if so, what is the precise nature and volume of the oil struck there; and

(c) what further steps are being contemplated to explore and exploit the oil in the area?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) A well drilled earlier in an old oil field-Kathana-in Cambay has produced oil recently on testing a new layer.