

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The approved Plan (1978—83) provides for a TV Relay Centre at Madurai (Kodaikanal) for relaying the programmes of Madras Doordarshan Kendra. This transmitter is expected to be commissioned by 1983. Coimbatore is expected to be covered by this Relay Centre.

Re-employment of retired C-I-S. personnel

545. SHRI R. RAMAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken to re-employ re-tired personnel of the Central Information Service in Grade III of the service;

(b) whether it is also a fact that adequate number of retired personnel of this particular service are not forthcoming; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to extend this facility to other retired Government servants, who were engaged in similar work in other Ministries like Hindi Officers, translators etc.?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) to (c) The Union Public Service Commission has been requested to recruit suitable candidates to fill up vacancies in Grade HI of the Central Information Service. As it will take some time before the candidates become available, it has been decided to fill up the vacancies on a temporary basis by re-employing suitable retired officers of the Central Information Service. Two such officers have been re-employed already and the question of re-employing some

more CIS officers is under examination. There is no proposal to consider other Government officials referred to in part (c) of the question.

Increase in oil price by Saudi Arabia

546. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Saudi Arabia is going to raise the price of its oil by two dollars a barrel under an OPEC agreement and to freeze their prices till December, 1980; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and its effect on imports by India?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Saudi Arabia increased the price of their crude oil by \$ 2 & barrel with effect from 1-8-1980. We have no official information about any proposal for further increase.

(b) We have no alternative but to pay for our purchases at the official rates.

Oil consumption in India

547. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that oil consumption in India will soon be unmanageable according to a paper submitted to the world energy conference held at Munich by the head of the working group on energy policy;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what long term steps Government have envisaged to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Energy Policy Working