

of Calgas in Calcutta" in the Anand Brizar Patrika the 14th August, 1976;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that the supply of Indane Gas to consumers is irregular; if so, what are the reasons there for;

(d) what is the number of distributors of Calgas and Indane Gas in Calcutta; end

(e) whether Government propose to enquire into the inordinate delays in the supply of gas cylinders to consumers by Calgas and Indane Gas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM (SHRI KESHAV DEO MALAVIYA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The news item has stated that there is considerable delay in the supply of cylinder refills to Calgas [marketed by Caltex (India) Limited] customers in Calcutta and that some of the dealers are indulging in malpractices in the issue of cylinders.

(c) Supply of Indane cooking gas in Calcutta (marketed by Indian Oil Corporation) is regular except in the case of one distributor who had resigned in July, 1976. Alternative temporary arrangements are being made by the Indian Oil Corporation with regard to this dealer's customers.

(d) The details are as under :

Name of the Oil Company	No. of distributors in Calcutta
Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.	17
Caltex (India) Limited	9
TOTAL	26

(e) In the case of Caltex, LPG supplies in recent months had been affected due to shutdown of one of the units at the Visakhapatnam refinery during May/June, 1976. and reduced crude availability to the refinery since July, 1976. To meet the Calcutta Calcar. market, LPG has been

supplied ex-Haldia in bulk by Indian Oil Corporation to Caltex. The upliftments were, however, restricted due to limited road transport facilities available and Haldia refinery's inability to load tank wagons. Indian Oil Corporation proposes to appoint some more Indane distributors in Calcutta which will ensure regular supply of Indane gas. In view of this, no further enquiries in the matter are considered necessary.

Conference of divisional officers at Lahore

999. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA :
SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND :
SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

1 a) whether a divisional level conference of senior railway officials of India and Pakistan has taken place at Lahore; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Memoranda on foreign share holding of Indian Oxygen Limited

1000. SHRI LAKSHMANA MAHAPATRO : SHRI S. KUMARAN :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA .

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

fa) whether Government have received a number of memoranda from the All India Indian Oxygen and Acetylene Employees Federation regarding dilution of foreign share holding of the Indian Oxygen Limited to the tune of 40 per cent as an immediate measure short to nationalisation of the said company; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the memoranda and what action Government have taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI BEDA BRATA BARUA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main demand in the memoranda was for nationalization of the company and dilution of its foreign shareholdings, with which the Department of Company Affairs is not administratively concerned.

Recruitment of (Class III and Class IV Staff under the proclamation of Emergency)

1001. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI:
SHRI MAQSOOD ALI KHAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons recruited to Class III and Class IV posts in each Zone after the proclamation of Emergency; and

(b) the number of persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes /Scheduled Tribes among them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Supply of polyethylene-granules hostalen and alakathene

1002. SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have curtailed the quota of raw materials of polyethylene-granules, hostalen and alakathene for the plastic industry;

(b) if so, what is the extent of this reduction;

(c) whether it is a fact that the small-scale units have been adversely affected by the cut; and

(d) if so, what remedial steps Government have taken or propose to take to give relief to the small-scale units?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI) : (a) to (d) Government does not exercise any formal control over distribution of these raw materials. However, in view of shortages of Alkathene and Hostalen that have developed recently, Government have suggested some changes in the distribution pattern and have issued suitable guidelines. To alleviate the shortage situation, a public notice was issued in June, 1976 liberalising imports of LDPE and HDPE to actual users. STC have already imported certain quantities of LDPE and have contracted for additional quantities, which will be distributed to actual users on the basis of release orders.

City Railway Booking Agency In Kurukshetra

1003. SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV :
SHRI PIARE LALL KUREEL Vrf
PIARE LALL TALIB : SHRI D. Y.
PAWAR : SHRI BRAHMANANDA
PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal to establish a city booking agency in Kurukshetra has been shelved ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether Government are aware of the growing demand of the people of Kurukshetra for booking agency in that city; and

(d) if so, by when a booking agency will be set up there ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) Yes.