

(b) Fare paying passengers—91 per cent.

Pass holders—9 per cent.

(c) With effect from 1-5-1976, rail fares for Air-conditioned class have been reduced by 20 per cent *i.e.* to the level in force prior to 15-9-1974.

**Production of Burmah Shell Company after nationalisation**

299. SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA; SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT;

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any increase in the production of petrol, kerosene, diesel and other products by the Burmah Shell Company after its take over by Government; and

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

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM (SHRI KESHAV DEO MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Since the take over of Burmah-Shell Refinery from 24th January, 1976, Govt, is allocating crude at the annual rate of about 3.75 million tonnes as against 3.53 million tonnes processed in 1975. Correspondingly, the production of petroleum products has gone up during January—March 1976. A statement showing the production of some of the important petroleum products by Bharat Refineries during January, February and March 1976 is laid on the Table of House. (See below).

2. However, the level of crude intake and the pattern of production at each Refinery are determined with the objective of meeting fully the country's overall demand and the regional requirements with minimum outgo of foreign exchange.

**Statement**

*Production of Important Petroleum Products by Bharat Refineries.*

(Tonnes)

	January 1976	February 1976	March 1976
1. Petrol (Mogas 83/93)	10149	11294	13315
2. Kerosene Superior	41039	30632	42991
3. HSD	96428	85072	120540
4. LDO	32193	18564	19020
5. Fuel Oil	84561	68914	72386
6. LPG	6688	5808	7927
7. Naphtha	33217	26453	34694
8. Bitumen	16697	31506	38951
9. ATF	17207	16724	19881

**Purchase of barrels by oil companies**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently issued direc-

tions to all oil companies to purchase oil barrels required by them from only two concerns; and

(b) if so, what will be its impact on other concerns manufacturing barrels?