

Year	Target (MT)	LPG (Indane) Sold (MT)	Shortfall	Percentage of Shortfall
1971-72	54,166	50,439	3727	6.88
1972-73	81,117	78,735	2382	2.94
1973-74	108,200	99,312	8888	8.21

(c) Although there has been substantial increase in the marketing of domestic gas in each year compared with the previous year, the marginal shortfall in actual sale against targets was due to the inadequate availability of cylinders and seasonal shortfall in upliftment due to operational reasons and breach of rail/road transport.

(d) Manufacture of LPG cylinders requires special quality steel, indigenous production of which is limited. Arrangements have now been made to meet the shortfall through imports. IOC has already imported 5000 tonnes of L.P.G. is Steel during 1973-74. Additional import of 5000 tonnes planned for the current year also. Arrangements are also being made to expand the bulk transport facilities, storage and bottling facilities etc. to expand the LPG marketing in the country.

#### Price Structure of Soap Industry

- ◆13. SHRIMATI RATHNABAI SREENIVASA RAO :  
SHRIMATI PRITABHA SINGH :  
SHRIMATI LEELA DAMODARA MENON :  
SHRI M. S. ABDUL KHADER:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently examined the price structure of the soap industry ;

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

(c) whether Government propose to decontrol the prices of soap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) to (c) A representation has been received from the Indian Soap & Toiletries Makers' Association for increases in the prices of soaps manufactured by the organised sector on account of increased cost on oils and fats. This is under examination by Government.

#### Train Services between Ranchi and Patna

\*14. SHRI B. R. MUNDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the present train services between Ranchi and Patna are inadequate considering the pressure of traffic between these two cities ;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to run one more train between Ranchi and Patna; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir. However, some over-crowding is noticed on Patna-Gomoh section on 23/24 Patna Hatia Express trains.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Introduction of an additional train between Ranchi and Patna is not operationally feasible at present for want of line capacity on the Muri-Ranchi and Gomoh-Gaya saturated sections and requisite terminal facilities at Patna.