

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM
AND CHEMICALS/ पेट्रोलियम और रसायन

मंत्री (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) No, Sir.

It is not correct that there is acute shortage of medicines generally in the rural areas due to reduction in trade commission under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order. However, shortages of certain brands of medicines have been reported from certain areas. These shortages are attributable to causes other than reduction in the trade commission.

(b) Steps taken to remove shortages are:

(i) Import of additional quantities of bulk drugs through the State Trading Corporation.

(ii) Expansion of indigenous capacity for bulk drugs.

(iii) Encouraging, manufacturers to step up production of medicines reported to be in short supply.

Some improvement has taken place during the last month with the arrival of bulk drugs being imported by the State Trading Corporation and further improvement in the situation is expected to take place in the next two to three months.

INVESTMENTS OF AND REMITTANCES BY THE
FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES

*78 SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS/ पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the investments made so far by the foreign oil companies in India;

(b) what are the details of remittances by foreign oil companies during the last three years; and

(c) what is the import bill for crude in terms of foreign exchange during the last three years?

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(SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) A Statement I is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) A Statement II is laid on the Table of the House

(c) The import bills for crude during the last three years were as under:

Year	Value in Rs./Crores
1968	93.8
1969	94.6
1970	102.0

STATEMENT I

Capital employed as on 31-12-1969 by three Oil Companies was as under—

(Rs. in lakhs)

	Foreign Capital	Indian Capital
Burmah Shell	5339	913
Caltex	1692.55	Nil
Esso	2883.40	75

Out of this, the capital invested in the Refineries as on 31-12-1969 was as under—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of Refinery	Foreign Capital	Indian Capital
Burmah Shell Refinery	1770	Nil
Caltex Oil Refinery	926.40	Nil
Esso Refining	2062.20	75.0

STATEMENT II

Remittance by Foreign Oil Companies during last three years

Figures in Rs./lakhs

Oil Co	1968	1969	1970
Burmah Shell (Mkt.)	2,899	3,810	2,905
Burmah Shell (Ref.)	523	466	347
	3,422	4,276	3,252
Esso (Marketing)	579	486	464
Esso (Refining)	2,297	2,087	2,333
	2,876	2,573	2,797
Caltex (Marketing)	96	44	223
Caltex (Refining)	1,757	1,288	992
	1,853	1,332	1,215