

(b) if so, the result of the study and the conclusion drawn therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND NON-FERROUS METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The study on the working of the foreign drug firms in India has not yet been completed.

REFINERY UNDER PUBLIC SECTOR IN THE NORTH-WESTERN REGION

336. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up another refinery under public sector in the North-Western region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND NON-FERROUS METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) & (b) The matter is under consideration.

PUBLIC SECTOR BODY TO CONDUCT DEEP SHORE AND OFF-SHORE DRILLING

337. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a new public sector body under the aegis of ONGC to conduct independently the deep-shore and off-shore drilling;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in the matter;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(e) the benefits likely to be derived as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND NON-FERROUS METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The question whether such a company is required to be set up, or otherwise, is being examined. No final decision has been taken so far.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

SCHEME FOR AMALGAMATION OF UNECONOMIC AND UNSCIENTIFIC COLLIERIES IN THE COUNTRY

338. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under their consideration any scheme for the amalgamation of uneconomic and unscientifically-run collieries in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND NON-FERROUS METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the scheme are being finalised.

INTERNATIONAL TIN AGREEMENT

339. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russia has agreed to join the International Tin Agreement for the first time;

(b) whether India is a party to the International Tin Agreement, and

(c) how would Russia's joining the Agreement help the member countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND NON-FERROUS METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Increased membership of the Tin Agreement by the signature of Russia and certain other countries will help in increasing international cooperation in the tin trade.

PRICING POLICY OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

340. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have recently revised its pricing policy

in regard to the supply of petroleum products from the refineries at Barauni, Koyali, Gauhati and Digboi;

(b) whether it has in any way benefited the consumers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND NON-FERROUS METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a)

With effect from 1-6-1970, Government have declared the inland refineries at Barauni, Koyali and Gauhati as pricing points in addition to the eight main ports and Digboi refinery.

(b) and (c) The extent of benefit to the consumers by way of reduction in prices within the pricing areas of these refineries in respect of major petroleum products is given in the statement enclosed.

STATEMENT

Name of the petroleum product	Extent of benefit to consumers as a result of reduction in prices		
	Koyali	(Rs./Kl.) Barauni	Gauhati
Motor Spirit	54.20	61.71	7.97
High Speed Diesel Oil	35.24	47.04	45.85
Light Diesel Oil	38.86	52.39	50.97
Furnace Oil	28.11	43.09	41.52
Superior Kerosene	33.67	42.31	9.01

NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY FOR DEFENCE PURPOSES

341. SHRI KRISHAN KANT:

DR. SALIG RAM:

SHRI ARJUN ARORA:

SHRI MAJENDRA PRATAP SINHA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have decided not to use nuclear technology for defence purposes; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) and (b) Attention is invited to the answer given in the House by the Prime Minister to Unstarred Question No. 881 on 26th November, 1970.

FREEDOM MOVEMENTS IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES

342. SHRI KRISHAN KANT:

DR. SALIG RAM:

SHRI R. P. SINHA:

SHRI ARJUN ARORA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently taken any decision about the mode of help to freedom movements in the African continent especially in South Africa; and

(b) if so, what is the mode of help they propose to give?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b) Government have been providing moral and material assistance to these Movements. Medicines, blankets, cloth, stationery and scholarships