

NATIONAL SAVINGS BOARD

*37. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Savings Advisory Board has been reconstituted for 1970 ;

(b) whether the report of a sub-committee appointed by the out-going Board under the Chairmanship of Shri Talyarkhan of Bombay has been received ; and

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the main recommendations made therein ?

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

REDUCTION IN THE PRICES OF IMPORTED CRUDE

*38. SHRI DEVI SINGH :

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :

DR. SALIG RAM :

SHRI KRISHAN KANT :

SHRI A. P. CHATTERJEE :

SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY :

SHRI Y. ADINARAYANA REDDY :

SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH :

SHRI ARJUN ARORA :

SHRI M. K. MOHTA :

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA :

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA :

SHRI G. R. PATIL :

SHRI SYED HUSSAIN :

SARDAR NARINDAR SINGH
BRAR :

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR :

SHRI CHITTA BASU :

SHRI SWAISINGH SISODIA :

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

(a) whether there have been, for quite some time past, serious differences between

the Government of India and the foreign oil companies over the price of imported crude oil ;

(b) if so, whether any efforts have been made to resolve the differences ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). The Government asked the foreign oil companies in May 1969 to reduce the price of crude oil imported by them by 10 cents per barrel so as to bring it in line with the fall in the prices of Middle East crudes in world market. On their failure to do so, Government decided to reduce the foreign exchange allocations and imposed a cut of 7½% on their foreign exchange allocations from 1969. The oil companies reduced the price by 4 cents per barrel only. After waiting for some more time, Government imposed a further cut of 20% on the foreign exchange allocations with effect from 16-1-70. The oil companies reduced the prices by the further 6 cents per barrel with effect from 1-2-70.

INCOME-TAX DEPARTMENT, GUJARAT CIRCLE

*39 SHRI K. S. CHAVDA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any reservation for the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in regard to promotion to class III posts in the Income-tax Department since 1963 ; and

(b) if so, the number of U.D.Cs. belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes who were promoted to posts of Head Clerks and Supervisors in the Income-tax Department in Gujarat Circle since 1963 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) Yes, Sir. Such reservation is made in class III posts in respect of which selections for promotion are based on seniority-cum-merit.

(b) Since 1963 11 U. D. Cs. belonging to the Scheduled Castes and 1 U. D. C. belonging to the Scheduled Tribes were promoted as