

CANCER PATIENT

*482. SHRI MAHAMMED HANEEF: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to refer to answer given to Starred Question No. 159 in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th March, 1967 and state:

(a) the total number of patients now suffering from cancer in the country; and

(b) the number of patients who are being treated in the 3 Cancer Research Centres?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (DR. S. CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

DISTRIBUTION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

*483. SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present position in regard to the distribution of petroleum products in the country;

(b) whether the disinclination of the British Oil Companies to distribute Soviet products has since been overcome;

(c) whether the Burmah-Shell have followed the Burma Oil Company in taking part in such distribution;

(d) whether the public sector company has begun operating distribution work; if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the refinery set up with Russian collaboration in Eastern India has begun production; and

(f) whether the expectation of more petroleum products from Kuwait has been realised?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING, PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI ASOKA MEHTA): (a) The distribu-

tion of bulk refined petroleum products in India is handled by the following companies:—

- (i) Indian Oil Corporation Limited,
- (ii) Burmah-Shell Oil Storage and Distributing Company of India Limited,
- (iii) Esso Standard Eastern Inc.,
- (iv) Caltex (India) Limited,
- (v) Assam Oil Company Limited,
- (vi) Indo-Burmah Petroleum Company Limited.

Certain other companies deal in lubricants, greases and specialities only.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) The Indian Oil Corporation is organised to undertake distribution of petroleum products all over the country.

(e) The Refinery at Barauni went on stream in 1964 with the first million ton unit. The second million ton unit has also since been commissioned.

(f) There has been no need nor expectation of Petroleum product imports from Kuwait.

नाथ तथा साउथ एवेन्यू में दुकानों का किराया बढ़ाया जाना

*484. श्री दत्तोपंत ढेंगड़ी : क्या निर्माण आवास और पूर्ति मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नाथ एवेन्यू तथा साउथ एवेन्यू में स्थित दुकानों के किराये काफी बढ़ा दिये गये हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो किराये कब से बढ़ाये गये हैं; और

(ग) केवल इस क्षेत्र विशेष की दुकानों के किराये बढ़ाये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?