

At present, there is no proposal to set up a Price Stabilization Fund before the Government.

**Employment to displaced families of Paradip refinery**

1946. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of employment provided to displaced families of Paradip Refinery under Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) in Odisha; and

(b) the number of persons who got employment under the rehabilitation policy of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) IOCL has informed that as per the Rehabilitation & Resettlement plan for Paradip Refinery Project approved in 2002, there is provision for preference in engagement for identified displaced families, who have not taken cash compensation in lieu of engagement option. 143 nos. of families were identified by the district administration as displaced families. Out of 143 families, 94 families have taken cash compensation in lieu of engagement. Out of 49 families which did not take cash compensation, 40 are presently engaged in project/maintenance jobs. Others are presently not keen to do the project construction jobs.

**Uniform rate of petroleum products**

1947. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Petroleum Dealers' Association representing more than 52,000 petrol pumps has demanded for 'One Nation One Rate' for petroleum products in order to eliminate disparity in prevailing prices of petrol and diesel;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto;

(c) whether Government is considering to bring uniformity in VAT rates in the country; and

(d) if so, by when it will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) As per Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), a representation was received from All India Petroleum Dealers' Association with regard to 'One Nation One Rate' for Petrol and Diesel.