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[English]

Flaring of Gas

*299. SHRI TARIT BARAN
TOPDAR:

SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total volume and value of natural gas flared away during each year since 1991-92 due to lack of storage and distribution facilities in the country;

(b) whether any steps are being taken for storage and distribution of such gas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) :-

Year	Quantity flared (MMSCM)	National value (Rs. Crores)
1991-92	4119.66	518.30
1992-93	1854.20	216.57
1993-94 (April '93 - January '94)	1545.38	178.67

Approximately 45% of the flaring is unavoidable and technical flaring.

(b) and (c). A Gas Flaring Reduction Project is under implementation for the Western Offshore fields. Besides, the required compression and transportation facilities are being set up in Gujarat, Southern India and the North-East to reduce the flaring to the technical minimum. OIL is implementing a scheme for the underground storage of such gas.

Syllabus for Medical Colleges

*300. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRI-
YAPPA:

DR. K.D. JESWANI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the syllabus for Medical Colleges (MBBS) varies from State to State;

(b) if so, whether there is any demand for maintaining uniform syllabus and curriculum in the medical colleges throughout the country; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

MOU with Neighbouring Countries

3108. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India have signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with other neighbouring countries on the lines of the one signed with Myanmar recently to check trans-border movement of insurgents and smugglers;