

may also contribute to gas production by 1996-97 .

ONGC's present gas production is about 45.74 MMSCMD which is likely to increase to 82.68 MMSCMD by 1996-97.

[English]

Aids Control

*238. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the National AIDS Committee was held in Delhi in February , 1993;

(b) if so, whether the modalities for evolving a multisectoral approach to prevent the spread of AIDS in the country were discussed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b). Yes , Sir.

(c) : The meeting endorsed that there should be a well coordinated effort of generate awareness so as to prevent risk- behaviour which facilitates the transmission of HIV and stressed the importance of associating Non- Governmental Organisations with this effort.

Consumption of Petroleum Products

*239. SHRIMATIDIPIKA H. TOPIWALA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:-

(a) the estimated increase in the consumption of petroleum products in the year 1993-94;

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to meet the increased demand of petroleum products ;and

(c) the likely expenditure on import of Oil during the period ;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(CAPTAIN SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) The consumption of petroleum products is estimated to increase to 63294 MMT during 1993-94 , representing a growth of 6.8% over 1992-93.

(b) The increased demand is proposed to be met by additional imports.

(c) The foreign exchange requirement will depend upon the total quantity of import of Oil , prevalent international market prices and dollar- rupee exchange rate.

[Translation]

Production of Crude Oil

*240. SHRI MANUYAN LAL : SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

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

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission and the Government had signed a memorandum of understanding regarding the quantity of the crude Oil production during 1992-93 ;

(b) if so, the target fixed for the production of crude Oil for the year 1992-93 accordingly;

(c) whether the said target was lesser than that of previous years;