

approximately 13400 MMSCM in 1992—93

(b) Offshore gas to the extent of approximately 9700 MMSCM in 1991—92 and approximately 10800 MMSCM in 1992—93 was supplied to various units located in the States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana and the Union Territory of Delhi

(c) No Sir

(d) Does not arise

[English]

#### **Ayurvedic Medicinal Plants**

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

(a) whether a number of plant species having great medicinal values in Ayurvedic medicines are facing extinction,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor,

(c) the names of important plant species facing extinction

(d) whether the Government have any proposal to set up gardens at different levels to grow such medicinal plants and to make arrangements for marketing of crude drugs through cooperative societies, and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND)

(a) to (c) Certain important medicinal plants like *Rauwolfia serpentina*, *Podophyllum hexandrum*, *Saussurea costus*, *Aconitum heterophyllum*, *Picrostizyza kurroa*, *Colchicum luteum*, *Gentiana kurroa*, *Coptis teeta*, *Dioscorea deltoidea*, etc

are reported to have become vulnerable to extinction on account of indiscriminate exploitation and loss of prime ecological habitat

(d) and (e) Assistance is being given by Govt to eligible autonomous bodies Govt / Semi-Govt organisations for setting up herb gardens. Some states have Co-operative/autonomous organisation which arrange collection of crude drugs/other minor forest produce

#### **Export by SAIL**

\*814 SHRI K. PRADHANI Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state

(a) whether the steel Authority of India Limited propose to double its export during the Eighth Five Year Plan period

(b) if so, the target fixed in this regard and

(c) the production of steel expected in different steel plants during the said plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) and (b) Steel Authority of India Ltd. Has plans to increase its exports during the Eighth Five year plan period. Export targets are fixed on an annual basis based on factors like domestic demand and availability of steel, the international market scenario etc

During the first year of the VIII Five year Plan (1992-93 to 1996-97), exports from SAIL were as under

	('000 tonnes)
1992-93	
Mild Steel	268.7
Stainless Steel	5.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>274.2</b>