

Central Council of Yoga and Naturopathy for promotion of research in Yoga and Naturopathy. Rs. 1 crore has been allocated to National Institute of Naturopathy for promoting naturopathy.

[*Translation*]

### **Gas Pipelines**

\*667. SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK :  
SHRI PHOOL CHAND  
VERMA :

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

(a) the details of proposals received from the Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka for laying new gas pipelines during the last one year;

(b) whether the Union Government have granted approval to these proposals;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) while no proposal for a pipeline has been received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh, the Government of Karnataka have asked for the laying of a Southern Gas Grid for Karnataka and other Southern States.

(b) to (d). The Government have accepted in principle the concept of laying a natural gas pipeline to the Southern States from a suitable point on the Western Coast.

### **Blood Donation**

\*668. SHRI DATTATRAYA  
BANDARU :  
SHRI RAJENDRA  
AGNIHOTRI :

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

(a) whether several needy patients die annually for want of precious blood;

(b) whether the Government propose to evolve scheme to encourage voluntary blood donation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which scheme is proposed to be launched ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No specific information is available on this subject.

(b) to (d) . voluntary blood donation is being encouraged by Government institutions, Indian Red Cross Society and Non-Governmental Organizations through various methods including inter alia mass media and camps.

[*Translation*]

### **Coal Stock**

\*669. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH  
SHAKYA :  
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the Minister of COAL be