

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation and other similar organisation have given up the activities for oil exploration in West Bengal and Bay of Bengal:

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of ongoing activities therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) ONGC is at present actively engaged in exploration for oil and gas in West Bengal in the form of 3D seismic survey in Golf Green area, and 2D seismic survey in Jaguli. Also, ONGC is engaged in exploration for coal-bed methane at Durgapur, through seismic data acquisition and exploratory drilling. As for Bengal offshore in the Bay of Bengal, the data generated so far from the drilled wells and seismic surveys are being integrated and reviewed.

[Translation]

Rehabilitation of Displaced Persons of Myanmar

*104. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA:

SHRI MANJAY LAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of eviction of such families have come to the notice of the Government who have been repatriated from Myanmar and rehabilitated through State Government in Purnia, Araria, Supaul, Samastipur and Western Champaran district of Bihar after 1970:

(b) if so, whether any action is being taken by the Government to investigate into the above cases so as to rehabilitate them in their own land from where they have been evacuated;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Expansion of Air/ Doordarshan

* 105. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of existing Doordarshan

transmitters and AIR Kendras are not adequate for covering the whole population and area under their transmission;

(b) if so, whether some of the State Governments have sent proposal regarding expansion of AIR/Doordarshan network by the Union Government;

(c) if so, the details and locations thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P. A. SANGAMA) : (a) While all India Radio has achieved coverage of 90 % of the country by area and 97.3 % of population, Doordarshan has covered 68.7 % area and population of 85.6% through existing transmission facilities.

(b) to (d). Representation from some State Government for augmentation of TV service in hither to uncovered areas have been received by Doordarshan from time to time. With a view to augment TV service in such areas, many schemes are presently under implementation/ envisaged to be set up subject to availability of infrastructure facilities and resources.

Export of Coal

*106. SHRI N.K. BALIYAN: Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of export made by Coal India Limited during the last three years; and

(b) the market rate and the rate of export fixed by Coal India Limited during the said years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) The quantity of coal exported by Coal India Limited during of the last three years was as follows:

Year	(Figs. in 000 tonnes)
	(Data Provisional) Quantity
1992-93	132.0
1993-94	98.2
1994-95	111.9

(b) The notified price for coal for sale in Indian market and the rates fixed for export during the last three years were as under:

Year	Source/ Grade	Notified price (including all levies) for domes- tic sale (INR)	Export rate/tonne (including all years)	
			Nepal (INR)	Bangla- desh (INR)
92-93	Raniganj Steam 'B'	883.04	1275.20*	1245.48**
93-94	Raniganj Steam 'B'	923.68	1204.30*	1235.24**
	Dhankuni Coal fines	1058.00	1058.00*	
	BCCL Wash ery Gr. 3 Steam	593.25	756.00(Ex Colly.)	
94-95	Raniganj Steam	968.34	1251.50	1251.00**
	Dhankuni Coal fines	1058.00	1175.00*	
	BCCL Was- hery Gr. 3 Steam	632.25	906.00 (Ex. Colly.)	

* After excluding rail freight upto Raxaul border.

**After excluding rail freight up to Gede border.

LPG Bottling Plant

*107. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of L.P.G. bottling plants functioning in the country as on December 31, 1995;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up some more such plants;

(c) if so, the details and locations thereof;

(d) whether safety measures are properly implemented in the bottling plants for workers welfare; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) A total number of 84 LPG bottling plants belonging to Public Sector Undertaking Oil Companies are operating in the country as on 31.12.1995.

(b) and (c). Requisite information is given in the enclosed Statement.

(d) and (e). Yes, Sir. To ensure plant safety and thereby safety of workers, the following is provided for in the bottling plants depending upon the size and safety requirements:

- (1) Adequate green belt all around the plant.
- (2) Pressurised hydrant system.
- (3) Medium velocity sprinkler system with adequate heat detection device having remote/local operated deluge valves.
- (4) Remote operated valves on LPG product lines
- (5) Gas detection system.
- (6) Vapour extraction system.
- (7) Regular checks by explosimeters.

In additions to the above, workers are also provided for safety protection by providing hand gloves and shoes also.

STATEMENT

Location Planned for Setting up new LPG Bottling Plants as per the 8th Plan Proposals:-

Location	State	Oil Company	Capacity in TMTPA
1.	2.	3.	4.
Guwahati*	Assam	IOC	22*
Sikkim	Sikkim	IOC	5
Mizoram	Mizoram	IOC	5
Manipur	Manipur	IOC	10
Tripura	Tripura	IOC	5
Calcutta	West Bengal	IOC	44
Calcutta	West Bengal	BPC	22
Raiganj	West Bengal	BPC	10
Burdwan	West Bengal	BPC	10
Cuddapah	Andhra Pradesh	IOC	44
Madras	Tamil Nadu	IOC	66
Madras	Tamil Nadu	HPC	22
Madras	Tamil Nadu	BPC	22
Madurai	Tamil Nadu	IOC	22
Trichi	Tamil Nadu	IOC	22

* Already commissioned.