

(a) the funds allocated to the Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izat Nagar during each of the last three financial years;

(b) whether these funds were fully utilized;

(c) if not the reasons therefor; and

(d) the amount allocated for 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). Sir, the funds allocated and utilised during the last three years are given below:

Year	<i>(in lakhs)</i>	
	<i>Amount allocated</i>	<i>Amount utilised</i>
1988-89	1135.00	1150.78
1989-90	1416.00	1416.22
1990-91	1500.00	1429.22

(c) During 1990-91 Rs. 70.78 lacs could not be utilised due to non-completion of codal formalities.

(d) Rs. 1570.00 lakhs.

[English]

Supply of Natural Gas to Anand and Nadiad in Gujarat

1469. DR. K.D. JESWANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government for supply of Natural Gas to Anand and Nadiad in Gujarat State; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government so far?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND): (a) and (b). Natural gas is being supplied to Amul Dairy in Anand. No allocation of natural gas has been made to any unit in Nadiad.

Ban on use of DDT

1470. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several countries have banned the use of DDT in their respective countries;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to ban the use of DDT and such other pesticides in India also; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Government has set up an Expert Committee to review the continued use in India of pesticides data either banned or restricted for use in other countries. The Government have accepted and implemented the recommendations on DDT and 14 other pesticides.

The action taken in respect of DDT through a Notification dated 26th May, 1989 includes:

(i) The use of DDT in Agriculture has been withdrawn. In very special circumstances warranting the use of DDT for Plant Protection work the States or Central Government have

been allowed to purchase it directly from M/s. Hindustan Insecticides Limited with the Stipulation that it would be used under expert Governmental supervision.

- (ii) The use of DDT for the Public Health Programme has been restricted to 10,000 MTs per annum except in case of any major outbreak of Epidemic.

80th Anniversary of African National Congress

1471. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the recent celebration of 80th anniversary of African National Congress organised by the World Youth Action Against Apartheid at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to mobilise world for the eradication of apartheid?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On this occasion India's support to the valiant struggle of the African National Congress and our commitment to a non-racial and democratic South Africa was reiterated.

(c) India was the first country to impose a trade embargo against South Africa in protest against its racial policies. India was also the first to inscribe the issue of apartheid on the agenda of the United Nations and was influential in the imposition of comprehensive and mandatory sanctions against South

Africa. India became a party to the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid in October 1977. It enacted the Anti-Apartheid UN Convention Act in 1981. Over the years, we have given considerable material, moral and diplomatic assistance to the anti-apartheid movement in general and the African National Congress in Particular.

[Translation]

Shortage of LPG in Madhya Pradesh.

1472. SHRI PHOOLCHAND VERMA: DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:

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

(a) whether Government are aware of acute shortage of LPG in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure the immediate availability of LPG Cylinders to Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). Generally there is no short supply of LPG refills in Madhya Pradesh. However, when any shortage comes to notice appropriate action is promptly taken.

[English]

Tibetan Population

1473. SHRI BHOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Tibetians residing in the country;