

traffic for Steel Plants as well as for export. The present capacity on the section is fully taken away by the present level of goods traffic carrying iron and manganese ore. Since only goods trains run on the section, facilities for running passenger trains, like platform, watering and terminal facilities for the maintenance of coaches etc. have not been developed. The present level of passenger traffic is adequately catered to by convenient road services. In view of the importance of the section and the need to carry ore traffic in the interest of the economy it is not proposed to run a passenger train on this section.

Supply of Gas from Bombay High to Gujarat

5727. SHRI PRASANNBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has assured Gujarat Government the supply of gas from Bombay High;

(b) if so, whether the Prime Minister had also assured the State Government in this regard;

(c) what is the total quantity of gas supplied to the Gujarat State at present; and

(d) to what extent the requirements of Gujarat State are being met?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) and (b). The Central Government including the Prime Minister assured the Gujarat Government, supply of gas from offshore fields.

(c) and (d). The total quantity of associated and non-associated gas being produced from the onshore fields in Gujarat is about 2.3 m. cu. mts. per day. Almost the whole of this

is committed for supply to various consumers in the State of Gujarat and this meets the present requirements of the State almost fully. There is a small quantity of about 80,000 cu. mts. per day of low pressure gas for which there are no takers. The ONGC is on the look out for consumers to utilise this gas.

Protein Foods for Invalids

5728. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many protein foods for invalids are being sold at high prices; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to provide cheaper protein foods for invalids?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) and (b). Some of the popularly marketed high protein food in India are:—

1. Complan/Casilan
2. Protinex
3. Protinule
4. Enriched Cubes
5. Threptin.

Presently, prices of these protein foods are not statutorily controlled by the Government. However, to increase availability of high protein foods a proposal from M/s. Wander Ltd. to manufacture high protein foods besides fortified Chhatu has been approved for an annual capacity of 2,000 metric tonnes with a condition that quantity of high Protein foods shall not exceed 25 per cent of the total capacity approved. When this unit is set up, it is expected to increase the availability of protein foods at reasonable prices.