

to western offshores submitted by ONGC are being processed for the investment approval of Government. These are:

- (i) Second pipeline for gas transportation from south Basin to Hazira and expansion of Hazira terminal.
- (ii) ICP- Heera Trunk pipeline.
- (iii) Development of R-15A Phase-I.

(c) to (e): These Feasibility Reports were submitted in 1991 and the projects are being appraised by Government.

#### **Alleged Administrative Irregularities In J.T.R.L Calcutta**

4679. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have ordered an enquiry into alleged administrative irregularities in Jute Technological Research Institute, Calcutta.

(b) if, so, the out come thereof and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Sir, An inquiry has been ordered into complaints received by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research against the Director of the Jute Technological Research Laboratories, Calcutta.

(b) and (c): The inquiry has not yet been completed.

#### **Price of dry Ginger**

4680. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of dry ginger has fallen down; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to stabilise the price of ginger and boost its exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a): The prices of ginger are ruling in the normal range of Rs. 2050-2100 per quintal despite peak arrival in the procurement centres of Kerala State.

(b): Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for wet ginger is being operated in major ginger producing States i.e. Kerala and Meghalaya for stabilising the price of ginger.

Some of the specific programmes undertaken by Ministry of Commerce for increasing exports of ginger products are as follows:-

1. Development of ginger based products in association with CFTRI.
2. Study mission on spice oils and oleoresins and ginger products in USA and Canada.
3. Study mission on oils and oleoresins and ginger products selected markets in West Europe.
4. Study mission on oils and oleoresins and ginger products selected markets in East Europe.
5. Introduction of use of spice oils and oleoresins and ginger products among various food processing industries in East Europe.
6. Market study mission to Japan, Singapore and Hong Kong for setting up of quality aspects and ex-