

USSR and India. In the Bombay Basin exploration is being done by ONGC alone.

(c) As per the main terms and conditions of the contract the Soviet side is to carry out seismic survey, seismic data processing and interpretation to generate drillable prospects for taking up exploratory drilling, with the objective of Intensive Integrated Exploration for hydrocarbons in the mutually agreed areas of the Cauvery and West Bengal basins.

(d) Apart from the intensive exploration programme of the State Oil Companies a proposal to invite Indian and International oil companies to explore for oil and gas in India in the Fourth Round bidding, is under the consideration of Government.

[*Translation*]

#### **Targets of Crude Oil Production**

1416. SHRI LARANG SAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state.

(a) the total oil production capacity of the country, including the oil explored recently in Bombay High and

(b) the target of oil production by the year 2000 A.D. and the steps being taken to achieve this target?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) India has established geological reserves of 5.7 billion tonnes of hydrocarbons. Of these 1.9 billion tonnes are recoverable reserves. Percentage of annual production of crude oil to the balance recoverable reserves over the last few years has been between 4.4 to 5.32% and this is, as of today, the total oil production capacity of the country.

(b) Target for oil production for the year 2000 A.D. have not yet been fixed.

#### **Shortage of Petroleum Products in Bihar**

1417. SHRI RAMDAS SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is non-availability of petroleum products in Bihar:

(b) if so, whether any request from the Government of Bihar has been received to meet its required demand; and

(c) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Requests have been received from Government of Bihar for additional supply of HSD. An additional release of 5000 MT HSD was made for Bihar in November, 1990. An additional 1,800 MT HSD has also been released for Bihar in February, 1991 for agricultural operations.

#### **Allotment of Petrol/Diesel Pumps & LPG Agencies**

1418. SHRI KALPNATH SONKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state the number of petrol/diesel and LPG agencies allotted out of turn on priority basis during the last three months?