jects for Trivandrum and Palghat Divi- sion during 1990-91 is as under :


## OIL EXPI.ORATION AT COCHIN HIGH

988. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHA-

LA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :
(a) whether the Government have dropped the Cochin-High Petroleum exploring project ; and
(b) if not, the details of the projects work ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) : ONGC's exploration in the offshore Kerala-Konkan basin is continuing with the acquisition of 5121 LKM of seismic data in MarchMay, 1991.

SUPPLY OF COAL TU PARTIES BY CIL AND SALE OF SCPAP BY CCL
989. SHRI S. B. SINGH : Will tie Minister of COAL be pleased to state :
(a) the quantity and the manner in which the scrap has been sold by the Central Coalfields Limited ;
(b) whether the Government propese to review the present method of supply of coal to various industries through stockyards appointed by the Coal India Ltd. in order to give direct supply to the parties ; and
(c) if so, the details of the decision taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) As per the information given by the Central Coalfields

Ltd. (CCL), during 1990-91 following quantity of scrap materials were sold by CCL through Metal and Scrap Trading

Corporation, A Government of India Undertaking, by way of open tender auction etc :-

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| 345 Nios | (a) 81.4 :oams |
|  | (b) 534 Nos |
|  | (c) 2085 metr s |

(b) the number of applications for fresh conrections pending in each district : and
(c) the steps being taken to expedite the release of gas connections ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) : A statement is attached.
(c) Release of new LPG connections is done by the Oil Industry all over the country according to an annual programme which depends on the estimated availability of LPG during the year.

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(As on 1-7-1591)

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