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Oil and Natural Gas Reserves

1390. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Oil, Natural Gas reserves to last 25 Years" appearing in 'The Observer of Business & Politics', New Delhi dated May 20, 1992;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the alternative sources being tapped in the event of the resources being exhausted apart from imports?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The inference that Oil & Natural Gas reserves of the country are to last 25 years only is based on current estimates of balance of recoverable reserves and does not consider augmentation and even enhancement of such reserve base through future break-

through in exploration and resultant accretion from new discoveries. However, Petroleum resources being of a finite quantity, the decline in reserve base and eventual non availability of extractable hydrocarbons is inevitable at some point of time in future.

(c) The alternative sources of energy to replace liquid petroleum products include the use of compressed natural gas and alcohol, if techno-economically viable, in the transport sector, and of various non-conventional sources of energy in other sectors.

Construction of Houses for NRIs in Himachal Pradesh

1391. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct house for Non-resident Indians in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Hudco Loan for Housing Societies in Orissa

1392. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the housing societies of Orissa sought loan from HUDCO for the construction of houses and making improvement in Urban Civic amenities in the State during 1990-91;

(b) if so, the details of various proposals of loan made by the housing societies of Orissa; and

(c) the details of the proposals approved and loan granted by HUDCO?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) According the HUDCO, no such request has been received

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Complaints Against Dealers of Petrol/ Diesel Retail Outlets and LPG Agencies in Bihar

1393. SHRI LAL BABU RAI:
MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF
FATMI:

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

(a) the number of complaints of black marketing and adulteration received against the dealers/distributors of petrol/diesel/L.P.G. in Bihar during each of the last two years; and

(b) the action taken against the dealers/distributors found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) During 1990-91 no complaint was received while 4 complaints were received during 1991-92 against petrol and diesel owners. Two complaints each were received against LPG distributors during 1990-91 and 1991-92.

(b) One complaint of MS adulteration with water could be established upon investigation wherein sales were suspended till water was removed. One LPG distributorship was terminated and supplies were suspended in three cases of LPG distributorship.

[*English*]

Export of Fruits and Vegetables

1394. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and NABARD have been entrusted the task of exporting fruits and vegetables;

(b) if so, the steps taken by NCDC and NABARD to export fruits and vegetables during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the target set for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Livestock and Poultry development

1395. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPTHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether livestock and poultry scenario in Eastern and North eastern States are grim;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve the situation; and