

[*Translation*]**Import of Crude Oil from Kuwait**

2980. SHRI N.J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of crude oil and other petroleum products likely to be imported from Kuwait during the current financial year;

(b) the foreign exchange likely to be spent thereon;

(c) whether any agreement in this regard has been made between the Indian Oil Corporation and the Kuwaiti Petroleum Corporation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the main features of the said agreement?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (e). Indian Oil Corporation have finalised the import of 4 MMT crude oil, 1.2 MMT High Speed Diesel and 0.9 MMT Kerosene from Kuwait Petroleum Corporation during 1992-93. The value of these imports will depend upon the prices prevailing in the international market.

[*English*]**Gas Share from Bombay High to Maharashtra**

2981. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE:
SHRI RAM KAPSE:

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

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to give higher share from Bombay

High gas to the Maharashtra State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Union Government are planning to develop the backward regions of Maharashtra-Konkan, Marathwada and Vidarbha by installing projects based on Bombay High gas;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the names of States which are getting gas from Bombay High and the States which are making a demand for it?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (f). In view of the allocations already made, no further allocation of gas from the Western Offshore Region could be made for the present.

(g). Units located in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi Haryana and Maharashtra are supplied gas from the Western offshore. Demands are being received from various States.

[*Translation*]**Supply of Bitumen**

2982. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bitumen is being supplied to Bihar from Haldia; while there is a refinery at Barauni;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of the States to which