

frame for final decision can, therefore, be indicated at this stage.

[*Translation*]

Damage to Crops by Drought

515. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI MAHESH KANODIA:
SHRI LALIT ORAON:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise, details of the value of crops damaged in the country dur to drought during the last year;

(b) the efforts made by the Government to deal with the drought problem; and

(c) the State-wise, details of the facilities provided to the farmers affected by the drought during the last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[*English*]

Oil Exploration in Bihar

517. SHRI MANJAY LAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has identified certain areas in Bihar having substantial concentration of petroleum products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to include these areas in its oil exploration

programme in the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Increase in Price of Milk in Delhi

518. SHRI RAM SINGH KASHWAN:
SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDEL-
WAL:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHR MUMTAZ ANSARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently increased the prices of milk of Mother Dairy and Delhi Milk Scheme in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons and justification, therefor;

(c) whether the public have been affected dur to hike in milk prices; and

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to bring down the prices of milk and if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) The selling price of Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) milk has been revised upward w.e.f. 1.9.92 from Rs. 5/- to Rs. 7/- per litre and from Rs. 4.40/- to Rs. 6/- per litre of toned and double toned milk respectively. The Mother Dairy has switched over to marketing of toned milk through Bulk Vending System in place of Double Toned Milk and fixed its price at Rs. 8/- per litre from 1.10.92. Mother Dairy has reduced the price

of Full Cream Milk from Rs. 11/- to Rs. 10/- per litre.

(b) The revision in price has been necessitated due to increase in the overheads including transportation cost as a result of hike in the cost of petroleum products and general rise in the price index.

(c) and (d). Whereas the Mother Dairy, a commercial unit has fixed the sale price of its milk keeping in view the cost of production to maintain viability, DMS milk is subsidised to the extent of difference between the cost of production which is more than the selling price. There is, therefore, no proposal at present to bring down the sale prices of milk.

Creation of Uttranchal State

519. MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) BHUWAN CHANDRAKHANDURI:
SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 28 on July 9, 1992 and state;

(a) whether the Union Government have completed its examination of the proposal and the details justification sent by the Government of Uttar Pradesh with regard to creation of Uttranchal State; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The matter is under examination.

(b) Does not arise.

Reserves of Oil and Natural Gas in Gujarat

520. DR. K.D. JESWANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in exploration and exploitation of Oil and Natural Gas reserves in Gujarat; and

(b) the estimated extent and location of the resources in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). As on 1.1.92 the recoverable reserves of oil (including condensate) and gas established in Gujarat was 265.02 million tonnes and 119.63 billion cubic meters respectively. Exploration is continuing in Cambay, Kutch and Saurashtra areas of Gujarat and 110 exploratory wells are expected to be drilled in 1992-93 and 1993-94 in these areas.

Laying of L.P.G. Pipeline in Delhi

521. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India plans to lay L.P.G. pipeline in Delhi for supply to consumers;

(b) if so, the number of houses to be covered;

(c) the places likely to be covered by gas pipeline; and

(d) the amount proposed to be spent on the above project?