

accretions and depletions. Continuous exploration efforts are made to discover news reserves. There is no question of exhaustion of the oil reserves within a particular time frame so long as the rate of accretions to reserves is higher than the rate of depletion of reserves.

(b) and (c). Technologies have been developed to use alternative forms of energy, including non-conventional and renewable sources of energy, to replace petroleum products and their use by the concerned Ministries, organisations and individual users depending on techno economic and other related considerations. In the oil sector, the use of natural gas has been resorted to on a large scale to replace liquid petroleum fuels; pilot projects are being implemented to use CNG for powering automotive vehicles; partial replacement of kerosene with water-based synthetic thickeners in textile pigment printing has been taken in hand in a large number of textile mills and units; and the possibility of using alcohols (3% methanol in particular) for blending it with petrol can be realised if found to be techno-economically viable.

#### **Unemployment among Doctors**

1615. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of doctors are unemployed in the country;

(b) if so, the number of unemployed doctors in each State at present; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide employment to them?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND

FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). According to the information provided by Director General of Employment & Training, there were 31,731 doctors registered with the Employment Exchanges as on 31.12.90. However, this figure is not a reliable indicator of real unemployment amongst doctors as it largely reflects their aspiration for better or more suitable jobs.

(c) Besides employment in Govt. Doctors have ample opportunities of self employed.

#### **Ancillary Industry to Cater Need of Coal Industry**

1616. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up any large or medium scale ancillary industry in Gujarat to cater the need of the coal industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The ancillary industries are normally set up around coal mines to manufacture and supply items required for the mines. Coal India do not operate any coal mine in Gujarat. Hence, there is no proposal to set up any ancillary industry in Gujarat to cater to coal industry.

#### **Shortage of Trained Nurses**

1617. DR. SUDHIR RAY: Will the Min