

Natural Gas in Tripura

446. SHRIMATI BIBHU KUMARI DEVI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to find out the availability of natural gas in Tripura;

(b) if so, the findings thereof; and

(c) the extent of gas available in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). According to the latest estimates, approximately 11 billion cubic metres of recoverable reserves have so far been established in Tripura.

Crude Birth Rate and Infant Mortality Rate

447. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present Crude Birth Rate and Infant Mortality Rate in the country, State-wise/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to bring down the Crude Birth Rate and Infant Mortality Rate, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the expenditure incurred during each

of the last three years thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) (a) The latest provisional 1991 State-wise annual estimates of Crude Birth Rate and Infant Mortality Rate based on the Sample Registration System (SRS) of the Office of the Registrar General of India are given in the *Statement*.

(b) The steps taken/proposed to be taken inter-alia include:

- (i) improving the quality and outreach of family welfare services
- (ii) promotion of spacing methods among the younger age couples.
- (iii) strengthening mother and child health care.
- (iv) provision of information, education and communication
- (v) involvement of NGO's
- (vi) involvement of ISM practitioners,
- (vii) promotion of community participation in family planning,
- (viii) implementation special schemes in 90 demographically poor districts.

(c) The total expenditure incurred under the Family Welfare programme in the States/ Union Territories during the year 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 amounted to Rs. 578.10 crores Rs. 722.08 Crores and Rs. 785.70 crores respectively