

India's Country statement for presentation in the Fourth Asian & Pacific Population Conference held at Bali, Indonesia in August, 1992. It was accepted that the population problem has extremely serious implications for India's socio-economic development, environment and the quality of life of her people. This concern was accordingly expressed in the country statement.

### **Dumping of Steel by Multi-National Companies**

457. SHRI LOKANATH  
CHOUDHURY:  
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:  
SHRI RAMSINGH KASHWAN:  
SHRI RAJENDRA  
AGNIHOTRI:  
SHRIMATI GEETA  
MUKHERJEE:  
SHRI MUHESH KANODIA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the recent relief provided in custom duty on import of iron and steel, many multi-national companies have dumped their stocks in India;

(b) whether the Steel Authority of India and TISCO which are saddled with heavy stocks have requested the Union Government to take effective steps against those companies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) Overall imports of iron and steel during 1992-93 (upto December, 1992) had not shown an increasing trend as compared to the average level of imports in the preceding three years.

(b) and (c). No complaint has been filed by SAIL or TISCO against dumped imports of steel with the designated authority under the provisions of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975.

### **Pricing of Natural Gas**

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

(a) whether the Government have any proposal under consideration for the pricing of natural gas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of applications received by the Government from the Government of Gujarat in this regard;

(d) whether any action has been taken by the Government thereon; and

(e) if not, the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (b). A memorandum was received from Government of Gujarat in May 1992 on a number of issues including the pricing of natural gas and after due consideration was replied in December 1992 reiterating Government policy in this regard.

(e) Does not arise.

### **Demand of LPG**

459. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: