

Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated new plans to increase the LPG production in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) and (b): Plans have been drawn to augment the indigenous production of LPG through augmentation of some of the existing sources and commissioning of new sources. The LPG production is expected to increase from 2481 TMT during 1993-94 to 3818 TMT during 1996-97 and further the 4130 TMT during 1999-2000 subject to commissioning of the proposed new sources and augmentation of production from existing sources as per plans.

#### **Acupuncture Treatment**

757. DR. AMRIT LAL KALIDAS PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have established any medical facilities for treatment of patients by the traditional acupuncture technique;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any study to establish the effectiveness of acupuncture technique; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) a and (b): Treatment through acupuncture therapy is being provided in a limited way at a few places through the initiative of some doc-

tors. Government has not, however, provided facilities to promote its wider application.

(c) and (d): some preliminary studies have been conducted.

[*Translation*]

#### **Reservation for SCs/STs Adopted Christianity**

758. SHRI MOHAN SINGH (FEROZE PUR): Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give benefits of reservation to those SC/ST persons who have adopted Christianity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) (a) to (c): The matter of extension of reservation benefits to the SC/ST persons who have adopted Christianity is under consideration of the Government.

[*English*]

#### **Rehabilitation of 1984 Riot Victims**

759. SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rehabilitation scheme with regard to the victims of 1984 riots in Delhi has been fully implemented;

(b) the number of victims who have come under this scheme; and

(c) the amount of money granted as out right relief and as loans during each of the last three years?