

GAS (CAPT. SATISH MUMAR SHARMA) : (a) The economics/profitability of extracting oil and gas is not worked out on a well-to-well basis, but on a field-to-field basis.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Declaration of Cholera as an Epidemic

836. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL :
DR. CHATRAPAL SINGH :
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether World Health Organisation has declared Cholera as an epidemic ;

(b) whether the Union Government have conducted any survey to find out the causes for its rapid spread;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to check it ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does Not arise

(d) The measures normally taken by the health authorities to check cholera epidemic are

1. Provision of safe drinking water.
2. Improvement of food and personal hygiene.
3. Safe disposal of human excreta garbage, refuse, etc.
4. Appropriate Health Education.

5. Surveillance and continuous monitoring.

6. Distribution of chlorine tablets and ORS packets, etc.

[English]

Report of Oil Price Review Committee

837. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARARAO VADDE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have considered the report of Oil Price Review Committee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the increases in the prices of oil products have been and will be done as per the recommendations of the Committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) to (d) No decision has been taken by the government on the report of the Oil Price Review Committee.

[Translation]

Coal Mines in West Bengal

838. SHRI BIRSING MAHATO : Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state :

(a) the details of coal mines in West Bengal and the number of workers serving there;

(b) the total quantity of coal produced by these mines during 1992—93; and

(c) the profit earned from these mines during 1992—93 as compared to 1991—92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MIN-