

(b) if so, the details alongwith terms and conditions thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA):(a) and (b) Oil Refineries Limited, Israel is registered on Indian Oil Corporation's product import mailing list for bids against tenders. Recently this Company has been successfule in being awarded some gasoil cargoes based on competitive bids. The total quantity of gasoil contracted in the tender with Oil Refineries Limited, Israel is 160 TMT.

Irrigation Project

1391. SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUDHARY :
SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the funds provided by the World Bank and the foreign organisations for implementation of irrigation projects in Bihar

during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) whether the Government of Bihar has requested the Union Government to increase the grants for irrigation schemes;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard; and

(d) the present status of the on-going irrigation projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) In Bihar, the World Bank has provided funds for the implementation of Bihar Tubewells project. In addition, Bihar is one of the participating States under World Bank assisted National Water Management Project comprising of several States.

The funds provided by the World Bank for implementation of irrigation projects in Bihar during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 are as under :-

(Amount in Million US Dollars)

	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
World Bank-assisted projects			
(a) Bihar Public Tubewells Projects	3.256	0.989	4.370
(b) National Water Management project	11.582	11.868	28.241

(b) and (c) No specific request for increase in the grants has been received from the Government of Bihar excepting the request for restoration of the cancelled amount of World Bank assistance. Since it was cancelled by the Bank due to very slow

implementation and disbursement its revival as considered in the Ministry of Finance, is not viable.

(d) During the current fanatical year upto 31.12.1993, utilisation of the World

Bank assistance was US \$ 15.423 million in case of National Water Management Project and no disbursement has been made under Bihar Public Tubewells Project.

[English]

Permission to Visit Kashmir

1392. PROF. M. KAMSON :
SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have permitted a survey team of the International Committee of Red Cross to visit Kashmir recently ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the broad observations of the Committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). International Committee of Red Cross had requested Government of India for access to the State of Jammu & Kashmir for providing humanitarian assistance and to permit a visit of a survey team to enable them to formulate their proposals. After a series of discussions with the representatives of ICRC over the last one year the Government have agreed to allow a team of ICRC to visit Jammu & Kashmir for the purposes stated above. The modalities are being worked out. The visit is yet to take place.

(c) Does not arise.

National Commission for Safai Karamacharis

1393. SHRI ANKUSHRAO
RAOSAHEB TOPE : Will the Minister of

WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to constitute the National Commission for Safai Karamacharis;

(b) if so, the present stage of the proposal ; and

(c) by when it is likely to be constituted ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The constitution of the Commission is under the consideration of the Government.

LPG Bottling Plants

1394. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA
URS : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of LPG bottling plants in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of new LPG bottling plants set up during 1993-94 in Karnataka (upto December 1993); and

(c) the number of new LPG bottling plants proposed to be set up during 1994-95 in Karnataka ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) (a) A statement is annexed.

(b) None, Sir.

(c) one bottling plant at Belgium is expected to be commissioned during 1995-96.