

**Development of Oil Fields**

1472. SHRI PROBINA DEKA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of bids received for development of small and marginal oil and gas fields in Assam;

(b) the number of such bids received from the State Government Undertakings;

(c) whether any preference would be given to such undertaking while evaluating the bids; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) (a) No bid was received for development of small and marginal oil and gas fields in Assam.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

**Utilisation of Funds**

1473 SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE  
PROF M KAMSON

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have any information regarding misappropriation or diversion of funds meant for scheduled castes and tribal development

(b) if so the details with the names of the States concerned

(c) whether the Government have

issued any guidelines in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the other steps taken/proposed to ensure proper utilisation of the funds?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) (a) to (e). The matter has been taken up with the State Governments to ascertain the facts. After receiving the facts from the State Governments appropriate steps will be taken in this regard.

**Petroleum and Natural Gas Plants**

1474. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of petroleum and natural gas functioning in the country;

(b) whether any such plants is functioning in Gujarat;

(c) if so, the details of production of each of these plants during 1992-93 and 1993-94 so far

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up some more such plants in Gujarat

(e) if so the details thereof, and

(f) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) (a) 13 refineries, 80 LPG bottling plants 2 LPG recovery plants and a number of exploration and production projects are functioning in the country