

SHARMA: (a) The Gas Flaring Reduction Project is being implemented with financial assistance from World Bank, Asian Development Bank and Export-Import Bank of Japan. ONGC has also tied up various suppliers credits.

(b) The projected availability of gas from the Western Offshore fields in 1996-97 is 39.85 MMSCMD at after shrinkage and internal use by ONGC and GAIL.

(c) and (d) The projected availability from the Western offshore fields has been revised due to changes in the schedule of new fields has been revised due to changes in the schedule of new projects and rectification measures including closing of high GOR wells.

Import of Petroleum Products

2187. **SHRI JAGMEET SINGH BRAR :** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to import petroleum products during 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof including inter-alia the quantity of petroleum products proposed to be imported, the cost involved (in foreign exchange) etc.; and

(c) the estimated indigenous production and demand of petroleum products in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) and (b). Government has approved an import of 14.773 MMT of petroleum products for an estimated value of US\$ 3030 million for the year 1994-95.

(c) The indigenous production and demand of petroleum products during 1994-95 are estimated at 51.75 MMT and 64.10 MMT respectively.

[Translation]

Telephone Connections in Delhi

2188. **DR. AMRITLAL KALIDAS PATEL:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the bills of thousand of rupees are sent by Delhi Mahanagar Telephone Nigam to the persons having no telephone connections;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and the number of bills sent to such persons during the last two years, zone-wise;

(c) whether this is also a fact that though instruments have been installed at the houses of applicants registered in 1988 but the connections have not been made operative whereas the telephone connections of the consumers registered in 1991-92, the equipments have been made operative;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken against officers found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and the same will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rural Exchanges in Gujarat

[English]

2189. **SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether all exchanges in rural areas of Gujarat are functioning properly;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Govt. to remedy the situation;

(c) the number of demands pending for