Central Government and on item 5 has been borne by oil and Natural Gas Corporation.

Tour by Minister

2328. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of days during this financial year the Minister went on tour within the country and outside, separately;
 - (b) details of such tours;

- (c) the expenses incurred in respect of each such tour:
- (d) whether the expenses were borne by the Central Government budget; and
 - (e) if not, the source of the funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c). A statement is attached.

- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

Tour within the country

SI. No.	Date	Place(s) visited	No. of days on Tour	Air fare paid (Rs.)
	2	3	4	5
1.	2.4 94 to 4.4.94	Delhi-Raipur-Jagdalpur-Vizag-Madras-Delhi	3	9738
2.	6.4 94 to 7.4.94	Delhi-Calcutta Guwahati-Delhi	2	5959 5 9 59
3.	10.4.94 to 11.4.94	Deihi-Calcutta- Guwahati-Calcutta-Deihi	2	5959 5959
4.	13.4:94 to 15.4.94	Delhi-Bhubaneswar Bhubaneswar-Delhi	2	7616
5.	16.4.94 to 17.4.94	Delhi-Guwalior-Delhi	2	By State Govt. Helicopter / Train
6.	29.4.94 to 1.5.94	Delhi-Ratlam-Ahmedabad Baroda-Delhi	2	2410
7 .	6.4.94 to 8.5.94	Delhi-Bangalore-Coimbatore Madras-Delhi	2	479 7 77 09
8.	14.5.94 to 17.5.94	Delhi-Cochin-Kavaratti Cochin-Bombay-Delhi	4	4756 1725
9.	19.5.94 to 20.5.94	Delhi-Nainitai-Delhi	2	Ву са
10.	21.5.94 to 26.5.94	Delhi-Calcutta- Bhubaneswar-Delhi	5	7358
11.	9.7.94 to 11.7.94	Delhi-Bhubaneswar Calcutta-Delhi	1	6125
12.	23.7.94 to 25.7.94	Delhi-Bhubaneswar Calcutta-Delhi	1	8173
13.	29.7.94 to 31.7.94	Delhi-Jabalpur-Bhopal- Delhi	2	By State Govt. Aircraft
14.	4.8.94 to 6.8.94	Delhi-Chandigarh-Delhi	1	By Train
15.	18.8.94 to 21.8.94	Delhi-Calcutta-Bhubaneswar Calcutta-Delhi	3	10975
16.	26.8.94 to 28.8.94	Delhi-Calcutta-Delhi	2	8242
17.	28.8.94 to 29.8.94	Delhi-Mathura-Delhi	1	By Car
18.	31.8.94 to 2.9.94	Delhi-Bhubaneswar-Delhi	2	10192

Written Answers

	2		3	4	5
19	3 9 94		Delhi-Hissar-Delhi	1	By State Govi
20	4 9 94		Delhi-Rewari-Delhi	1	Ву Са
21	8994 to 129	94	Delhi-Bombay-Pune- Bombay-Delhi	3	6730
22	15 9 94 to 17	9 94	Delhi-Cochin-Trivendrum Madras-Calcutta-Delhi	3	1944
23	22 9 94 to 26 9 94		Delhi-Howrah-Bhubaneswar Delhi	4	479
24	12 10 94 14 10 94	to	Delhi-Bhubaneswar Delhi	2	10193
25	15 10 94		Delhi-Bhubaneswar-Delhi	1	10192
26	21 10 94 26 10 94	to	Delhi-Calcutta- Bhubaneswar-Delhi	6	479
27	4 11 94 to 11	11 94	Delhi-Calcutta- Bhubaneswar-Delhi	7	5690
28	18 11 94 19 11 94	to	Delhi-Bhubaneswar-Delhi	1	
29	20 11 94 21 11 94	to	Delhi-Bangalore-Delhi	1	
30	22 11 94 23 11 94	to	Delhi-Bhubaneswar-Delhi	2	
31	26 11 94 to 2	12 94	Delhi-Bubaneswar-Calcutta-Guwahati-Culcutta- Bhubaneswar-Delhi	7	30 000
32	5 12 94 to 6 1	2 94	Delhi-Madras-Bombay-Delhi	2	
			Total	80	2,05,498
			Tour Outside the Country		
1	25 6 94 to 9 7	94	UK and USA	14	1 01,090
2	1 10 94 to 11	10 94	Japan	10	87 775
			Total	24	1,88,865

LPG Dealers

2329 DR SUDHIR RAY Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

- (a) whether the Government have appointed any new LPG dealers in West Bengal for IOC, BPC and HPC recently,
- (b) if so, the details of the places where such dealers have been appointed,
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor, and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken to appoint such dealers in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERTROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) (a) and (b) 34 LPG distributorships (IOC-25 HPC-6 and BPC-3) have been included in the current LPG marketing- plan 1992-94 for West Bengal

Selection of distributors is underway through the Oil Selection Board It takes about 1-2 years for commissioning of a distributorship from the date of advertisement

Joint Ventures

2330 PROF RAM KAPSE Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

- (a) whether Government of India and China have agreed to set up joint oil exploration and production ventures in China, India and other countries, and
 - (b) if so, the broad features of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERTROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) (a) to (d) India and China have agreed to cooperate in the development of the petroleum sector including heavy oil production, seismic survey,