

the past two years. As such, there has been no significant impact on cost of production.

[English]

Annual Rainfall

2616. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESHWARLU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Water Commission has studied the annual rainfall in the catchment area of the river Godavari in Khammam, East Godavari and West Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has identified the rainfall in the catchment areas on Volume per watershed in that areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d). Studies as amplified in the question have not been carried out. However, Central Water Commission has prepared flood estimation reports for design flood estimation of small and medium catchments under different subzones spread over the country which include part of Godavari Basin. These reports provide a methodology for arriving at the design flood.

Southern Gas Grid

2617. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Southern Gas Grid;

(b) the extent of outlay spent thereon; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) to (c). Government have approved in principle the concept of Southern Gas Grid. The Southern States have been requested to firm up the location and requirement of gas based projects in South India. The Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation has commissioned a pre-feasibility study for the Southern Gas Grid project. Expenditure to be incurred and the date of commissioning will be known after concrete projects are drawn up.

Production of Oil and Natural Gas

2618. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the areas in the country in which the Government propose to explore oil;

(b) the quantity of oil and gas being produced in the country everyday; and

(c) the extent to which the production of oil and gas is estimated to be increased by the end of 1995-96 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) Exploration for hydrocarbons will be continued in the various sedimentary basins of the country namely Campay, Upper Assam, Assam-Arakan fold belt, Tripura, Kutch-Saurashtra, Cauvery, Krishna -Godavari, Ganga Valley, Rajasthan, Bengal, Vindhyan, Satpura, South Rewa in the onland part and Bombay Offshore, Kutch-Saurashtra, Kerala-Konkan, Cauvery, Krishna-Godavari, North East Coast-basins in offshore part. Some frontier areas will also be explored such as deep waters, condawana sediments, Deccan Syncline etc.

(b) During the period April-November, 1994, oil production in the country averaged at 65,983 tonnes per day and natural gas at 5348 million cubic meters per day.

(c) During the year 1995-96 the estimated production level is expected to reach 38.37 MMT of oil and 69.26 MMSCMD of gas.

[Translation]

Establishment of Police Academy

2619. SHRI PREM CHAND RAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has sought financial assistance for the establishment of Police Academy in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

Reserved Posts in I.O.C.

2620. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are lying vacant in the Indian Oil Corporation Limited for the last several years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not filling the reserved posts; and