

(d) the price fixed for its formulations when the drug was under price control and its present price?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d). Glybenclamide has been exempted from price control on a specific recommendation made by the Kelkar Committee in its Supplementary Report, a copy of which is available in the Parliament Library. As per available information, the price of Glybenclamide Tablets (5 mg) was fixed by the Government at Rs. 8.88 (10 x 10's) under DPCO-1987. As per MIMS India, December, 1989, its present price is Rs. 1.50 (10's Strip).

Flaring of Natural Gas

165. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN.
SHRI YADVENDRA DATT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large quantity of natural gas is being flared at Bombay High, Assam, Tripura, Cauvery and Godavari basins;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Southern State Governments have suggested setting up of a regional gas grid to enable these States to utilise the surplus gas; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). Details of gas production/flaring from various areas in the country are as given below:

| <i>Area</i> | <i>Production</i> | <i>Flaring (in MMCMD)</i> |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bombay High | 40.92 | 13.66 |
| Assam | 6.00 | 1.84 |
| Cauvery | 0.32 | 0.21 |
| Krishna Godavari Basin | 0.11 | 0.01 |
| Tripura | 0.08 | Nil |

(c) and (d). The State Governments of Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu had requested that a gas pipeline be constructed to transport gas from Western Offshore Region to the South. An interministerial committee is being appointed to examine the various issues pertaining to establishment of a Southern Grid.

Doubling of Shoranur-Mangalore Railway Line and Other Lines in South Zone

166. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:
SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposal to double the Shoranur-Mangalore Railway line;

(b) if so, when the work is likely to commence;

(c) the total estimated cost thereof;

(d) whether Government also propose to double any other lines in Southern Zone; and