

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of Mines</i>	<i>Number of Fires</i>	<i>Year of Origin of Fires</i>
44.	Jeenagora	2	1944
45.	Joyrampur	1	1965
46.	Jealgora	1	N.A.

A Part from the above 5 small Fires at Shallow Depth having Originated in Different Years between 1952 and 1967 have Already ben Extinguished after Nationalisation Stop.

Aluminium and Bauxite Deposits in Bhabhua, Bihar

4685. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are large deposits of aluminium and bauxite at Adhora division in Bhabhua district of Bihar; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for their exploration so far, location wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Irrigation Projects In Rajasthan

4686. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gulendi, Piplaj and Gagarin Irrigation Projects in Rajasthan have been cleared by the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the details including the estimated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Gulendi Project estimated to cost about Rs. 12 crores to benefit an area of 2470 hectares has been returned to the State Government in 3/91 for modification according to the guidelines issued by the Central Water Commission.

Piplaj Project has not been received at the Centre for techno-economic appraisal. However, Piplad Project estimated to cost about Rs. 17 crores to benefit an area of 4130 hectares was received in February, 1991 and the State Government has been requested to review irrigation planning in light of the updated hydrology to prepare the modified report.

Gagarin Project estimated to cost about Rs. 11 crores to benefit an area of 10980 hectares was received in May, 1981 and the State Government was requested in September, 1984 to modify the same in view of the observations of Central Appraising Agency. The modified report has not been received at the Centre.

Crude Oil Reserves in Assam

4687. SHRI LAETA UMBREY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large quantity of crude oil deposits have been found recently in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the exploration work has been carried out; and

(d) the quantity of oil expected from this annually?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (d). Substantial reserves of oil have been established by ONGC and OIL in Assam. Recent discoveries include those at Kathaloni, Hatiali and Cachar. Further exploration is continuing.

New discoveries are required to be delineated before estimates of production can be made.

Limestone Deposits

4688. SHRI LAETA UMBREY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are large deposits of lime stone in Arunachal Pradesh and the North Eastern States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) (a) and (b). The recoverable reserves of limestone in Arunachal Pradesh and North Eastern States have been estimated as follows:

<i>State</i>	<i>Recoverable reserves (in thousand tonnes)</i>
1. Arunachal Pradesh	— 108,529
2. Assam	— 731,792
3. Manipur	— 6,657
4. Meghalaya	— 4,268,196
5. Mizoram	— Nil
6. Nagaland	— 308,348
7. Tripura	— 80

Quota of LPG Connections

4689. SHRI NANI BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to fix a

quota of LPG connections per month on the recommendations of senior LPG Manager and Chief Area Managers in the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?