

(c) Senator Pressler has stated that he has developed a better understanding of India's viewpoint on these issues.

Second Gas Terminal at Usar in Raigad District of Maharashtra

1524. SHRI ANKUSHRAO RAOSAHEB TOPE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to set up a second gas terminal at Usar in Raigad district of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Areas Hit by Riots Due to Cauvery Water Dispute

1525. SHRI G.M.C. BALAYOGI: DR. (SRIMATI) K.S. SOUNDARAM: SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had sent during December, 1991 Central observers for an on-the-spot study of the areas hit by riots due to Cauvery water dispute;

(b) if so, whether any report has been submitted to the Government;

(c) if so, the main recommendations made therein;

(d) the follow-up action taken/being taken thereon;

(e) whether the Union Government have provided any financial assistance to the concerned State Governments; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The report *inter-alia* suggested for restoration of normalcy and provision of relief assistance to the riot-victims.

(d) 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects follow up action on the report is being taken by the Governments of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

(e) and (f). Government of India have issued necessary instructions regarding expeditious settlement of insurance claim arising out of riots in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu on the same scale and in the same manner as applied to the Delhi riots-victims of 1984.

[*English*]

Police Forces in States

1526. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: SHRI BALRAJ PASSI: SHRI RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA: SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: