

(b) the details of new achievement technologically in the oil sector; and

(c) the plan of action of Research and Development in the oil sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) The actual expenditure incurred by ONGC on Research and Development during the last 3 years is as follows:-

	(Rs. Crores)
1991-92	17.53
1992-93	20.33
1993-94	19.52 (Prov.)

(b) and (c). R&D achievements include development improvement and adoption of techniques and technology related to oil/gas exploration, drilling, reservoir management, enhanced oil recovery, production, safety and environment aspects etc. Future plans include conclude continuance of R&D work to identify, absorb, improve or develop the latest and new technologies/techniques in the above areas of operations.

LPG Connections

7379. SHRI PREM CHAND RAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are not providing the facility of quota of LPG connections on priority basis for 1993-94 to those Members of Seventh Lok Sabha who were also the Members of the Ninth Lok Sabha ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not providing gas connections on the recommendations of such Members of the Tenth Lok Sabha?

The MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) (a) to (c). The quota for release of LPG connections on priority is available only for sitting Members of Parliament.

LPG Connections

7380. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy regarding transfer of LPG connections from one person to another and from one city to another;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of applications received for transfer of LPG connections during 1993 and 1994;

(d) the number of applications cleared during the said period; and

(e) the steps taken to clear the pending applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) (a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) Transfer of LPG connections from one person to another is permissible in certain cases such as death of subscription voucher (S.V.) holder, old age S.V. holder etc., after observing the prescribed procedures. Transfer of LPG connections from one city to another is also permitted in case

of shift of residence of the authorised consumer.

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(c) to (e). It is a continuous process and transfers of LPG connections are effected expeditiously in accordance with the prescribed procedure as soon as formalities are completed by consumers and distributors.

Naturopathy Institutes

7381. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI TARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Naturopathy Institutes functioning in the country in private sector as well as in public sector separately,

(b) wherever the Government propose to examine the functioning of Naturopathy Institutes functioning in private sector; and

(c) wherever the Government have provided assistance to such Institutes in private sector; and

(d) if so; the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) (a) to (d). 7 public and about 51 private naturopathy institutions are known to be functioning in the country. The Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy reviews the functioning of institutions receiving grant-in-aid. Eight institutions have received grant-in-aid during the last three years.

LPG Connections

7382. SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK:
SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:
SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG connections provided, particularly in tribal districts, during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to provide more new LPG connections during 1994-95;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which these connections are likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) A statement is attached

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). New LPG connections are released in a phased manner throughout the country depending upon the total new customer enrolment, availability of LPG from indigenous source, possible imports, waiting list, slack available with the distributors and their viability. Efforts are, however, constantly on to release LPG connections to as many applicants and as early as possible. Connections are released throughout the years