

the Small Scale Industries Corporations of respective State/Union Territories provided for in the guidelines for distribution of iron and steel formulated by the Joint Plant Committee of the main producers. The guidelines are amended from time to time.

(ii) The Controller of Aluminium, Department of Mines, makes allocations of E. C. grade aluminium in favour of cables/conductor manufacturing units based on the highest off-take and the units capacity in terms of weight of aluminium as per the guidelines.

(iii) The palm fatty acid for the small scale soap manufacturing units is distributed through the nominees of the State Directorate of Industries—generally the State Small Industries Corporations.

(iv) The paraffin wax is distributed to the individual small scale units by Indian Oil Corporation on the basis of the recommendations made by the respective State Directorate of Industries.

(d) and (e). Whenever complaints from the small scale industrial units regarding the shortage of scarce raw materials are received, these are taken up with the appropriate authorities/agencies for necessary action.

[English]

Supply of Gas from South Bassein Gas Field for Power Stations and Petro-Chemical Complex in Gujarat

407. SHRI RANJITSINGH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has made a proposal for setting up gas-based power stations in Gujarat;

(b) whether any surplus gas is available from South Bassein and other Bombay High gas fields;

(c) whether the State Petrochemicals Complex to be set up at Hazira near Surat would be supplied gas from South Bassein gas field; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND

NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) No, Sir. However, associated gas is being supplied for power generation in Gujarat on a regular basis.

(b) The surplus, associated Bombay High gas is being supplied to Maharashtra State Electricity Board at Uran, Tata Electric Company, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, subject to availability and purely on a fall-back basis. Free gas production from the South Bassein has not commenced.

(c) and (d). The possibility of supplying Natural Gas Liquid for the State Petrochemicals Complex purposed to be set up at Surat is being examined.

Oil Wells Drilled in Gujarat

408. SHRI RANJITSINGH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of wells so far drilled by ONGC in Kalol, Mehsana, Sanand, Cambay and Ankleshwar etc. oil fields in Gujarat;

(b) the number of wells which had indicated presence of hydro-carbons out of the total wells drilled; and

(c) the programme for further exploration of hydrocarbons in Gujarat ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) and (b). Till 1-10-1985 ONGC had drilled a total of 1613 wells in Gujarat State, including Kutc . Out of these 1017 wells proved to be hydro-carbons bearing. Some wells are under testing yet to be tested.

(c) The exploration programme for 1985-86 envisages drilling of 53 exploratory wells.

Setting up Petrochemical Complex at Hazira

409. SHRI RANJITSINGH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :