

(c) whether priority will be given for allocation of natural gas for generating electricity and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) The production of natural gas during 1986-87 in Gujarat was about 2.56 MMCMD.

(b) During 1986-87, 2.3 MMCMD of gas was made available against a committed requirement of 2.3 MMCMD of various consumers.

(c) Appropriate plans for utilisation of gas would be made as and when more gas is found to be available.

**Cut on allocation of imported edible oil to vanaspati industry**

7263. PROF. RAM KRISHNA MORE :  
SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA  
MURTY :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state the percentage of cut imposed on the allocation of imported edible oils to the vanaspati industry in the country during the past six months and the basis on which cut was imposed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : The total allocation of imported oil to vanaspati industry since November, 1986 is given below :

Month	Allocation % age
November 1986	55
December 1986 &   January 1987	10
February 1987	30
March 1987	40
April 1987	30

Since 16th March 1987 an additional 10 per cent of imported oil has been allocated to units in east and south zones.

Reduction in allocation of imported oils is made keeping in view the availability of indigenous permitted oils so that oilseed farmers get remunerative prices.

**Closure of Bombay-Pune Pipeline**

7264. SHRI ARVIND TULSHIRAM KAMBLE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bombay-Pune Pipeline for the supply of petrol and diesel is closed for some time now;

(b) if so, the reasons for its closure;

(c) when it is likely to resume supply; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that huge quantity of petrol and diesel has been pilfered from this pipeline during its closure ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The bursting of one of the pipes lead to the Pipeline's closure on January 2, 1987.

(c) While repairs to and tests of the Pipeline have been completed, permission for its re-commissioning at the Thane Creek Bridge is awaited by HPCL from the Government of Maharashtra.

(d) No, Sir.

**STD facilities in Andhra Pradesh**

7265. SHRI T. BALA GOUD : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the difficulty experienced in getting STD calls