

OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Union Government had received three projects proposal in the year 1991-92 in respect of Nagpur, Pune and Nandad for seeking ODA (UK) assistance. However, besides the ongoing projects at Calcutta, Hyderabad, Indore, Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam at that point of time, the ODA (UK) was not willing to take up any other additional projects.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per the guidelines of 1991-92, the Government could support only one project for external assistance; therefor the Government of Maharashtra was requested to indicate their priority of the town from among Nagpur, Pune and Nanded. The State Government selected the town of Nagpur in Maharashtra. The draft agreement between the Union Government and the Federal Republic of Germany for the project is in its final stages of negotiation.

Petroleum Products

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total demand and production of petroleum products during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the demand for these products are increasing very rapidly;

(c) if so, the projected demand of the Petroleum and Petroleum products by 2000 A.D.;

(d) whether the Government propose to meet the demand by resorting to large scale import of these products;

(e) if so, the foreign exchange likely to be involved for next two years; and

(f) the steps taken to achieve self-sufficiency in crude oil production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) The total demand and production of petroleum products during each of the last three years are :—

Year	Petroleum Products		% age increase in demand over last year
	Production (MMT)	Consumption (MMT)	
1993-94	51.084	60.812	3.2
1994-95	52.927	65.487	7.7
1995-96*	55.067	72.358	10.5

* Provisional.

(c) Projected demand of crude in terms of Refinery Crude throughput and demand of petroleum products by 2000-01 is assessed at :

	(Fig. in MMT) (Estimated)
Crude throughput	93.67
Petroleum products demand	106.8

(d) and (e) Foreign Exchange requirement for the next two years would depend upon :—

(i) Indigenous production of Crude Oil and Petroleum products.

(ii) International/Prices of Petroleum products.

(iii) The demand of POL for the next two years which is determined on the basis of yearly oil Economy Budget.

(f) Government have permitted private investment in the refining sector to increase the refining capacity.

Permission has been given to Indian and foreign companies to explore for hydrocarbons in India and for the development of some small sized oil fields and a few medium sized oil fields. This was done to accelerate the much needed pace for exploration in the country and for faster development of oil fields using the latest technology where applicable.

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Foreign Assistance

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up power projects in the country with the assistance of the Government of Japan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith capacity and locations thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Japan have appraised and recently signed the Minutes of Discussions for extending loan to the following power projects under 1996-97 loan package.