

buildings and economic rehabilitation of earthquake affected families. The progress of works is being monitored by the World Bank Mission from time to time.

II. KfW Assisted HUDCO-KfW IV

German Bank for reconstruction (KfW) has committed grant assistance of DM 8.80 million to HUDCO as part of above project for construction of 1342 houses for the earthquake victims in Latur district of Maharashtra. The work has since been completed and dwelling units are being handed over to the State Government.

III. KfW Assisted Projects of HDFC

Housing Development and Finance Corporation has provided loans to individual beneficiaries for construction of their houses. Details are as follows :

- (i) Housing schemes for small/marginal farmers and agricultural labourers in Raigad Distt. covering 138 families with a loan assistance of Rs. 30.36 lakhs.
- (ii) Housing scheme for EWS families at Vazar (Sangli Distt.) covering 10 families with loan assistance of Rs. 2.26 lakhs.
- (iii) Proposed housing scheme for 1000 families at Devrukh (Ratnagiri Distt.) with an estimated loan assistance of Rs. 3 crores.

[English]

Refinery Project

2779. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the proposal of Reliance and Essar for setting up a pipeline between Jamnagar and Kandla for their refinery projects;

(b) whether the proposal is justified in the light of the recommendations of Sunder Rajan Committee on common carrier principle to be applied compulsorily to all pipelines;

(c) whether the Government are considering a proposal to set up a common holding company which will build for oil companies; and

(d) the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b). Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. has submitted a proposal for laying Jamnagar-Kandla Pipeline for evacuation of products from private sector refineries proposed to be set up at Jamnagar. The proposal is under process for 1st Stage clearance.

(c) and (d). The Government has approved formation of a Holding Company and subsidiary joint venture company for expeditiously implementation of the pipeline projects. Formation of the Joint Venture

Companies and financing of the same are under finalisation stage.

Allotments of Green Lands

2780. SHRI JAI PRAKASH (HARDOL) : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Allotments being made from green areas" appearing in the 'Times of India' dated November 18, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The allotments of school and petrol pump sites mentioned in the news item appearing in the Times of India dated 18.11.1996 were made according to Master Plan land-uses and layout provisions of the areas. But no such allotment has been made in the recreational (green) land-use area.

Gross Domestic Product

2781. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) spent in the country for research and development;

(b) whether the funds allocated are adequate for India to equip itself to compete with the global corporations of the rich industrialised countries;

(c) whether the Government plan to increase the allocation for research and development to at least 1% of the GDP; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) The percentage of Gross National Product (GNP) spent in the country on Research and Development (R & D) is 0.81 according to currently available figures.

(b) to (d). The expenditure on R & D in India as percentage of Gross National Product (GNP) is lower compared to that in rich industrialised countries which spent 2 to 3 per cent of GNP. The investments on R & D can go up only through the joint efforts of both Government and the private sector. Several fiscal incentives and other support measures are provided by the Government to industry to encourage investment on R & D.