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Exploratory drilling	1047.83	1173.15	912.99	1365.00
Total	1262.49	1392.77	1216.56	1756.00
OIL				
Survey	24.33	27.68	38.65	50.09
Exploratory drilling	118.14	128.85	146.47	247.73
Total	142.47	156.53	185.12	297.82

(c) to (e) Analysis of inflow of information generated from surveys and exploratory drilling is an ongoing process. It helps in discovering hydrocarbon bearing new structures and developing the oil and gas fields.

Based on such analysis, acquisition of geo-scientific data and drilling of wells are planned every year as a part of ongoing process of exploration.

Racket in Kidney Theft

1042. SHRI A.C. JOS : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that the Kidney -theft racket flourishing all over the country; and

(b) if so, the preventive steps taken by the Government to punish the culprits ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) It is not a fact that Kidney theft racket is flourishing all over the country, except a few incidents as reported in News Papers.

(b) Transplantation of Human Organs Act has been passed by the Parliament, which has come into force with effect from 5.2.95. It provides for the regulation of removal storage and transplantation of Human Organs, for therapeutic purposes and for the prevention of commercial dealing in Human Organs, and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. The Act provides for stringent punishment for a term which may extend upto five years with fine upto ten thousand rupees. If a registered Medical practitioner is convicted, his name can be removed from the Register of the State Medical Council, for a period of two years for the first offence, and permanently for a subsequent offence. Some of the States like Bihar, U.P. etc.

Child Labourers in the Tea Gardens

1043. SHRI NRIPEN GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of child labourers are engaged in the tea gardens of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to check child labour in such gardens ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Indira Gandhi Health Institute, Shillong (Meghalaya)

1044. SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indira Gandhi Health Institute, Shillong (Meghalaya) was supposed to be partly operational by December, 1997 after purchase of necessary equipments and its installation;

(b) if so, the details of its progress thereof;

(c) whether a Committee was set up to work out a detailed project report;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any report has been submitted by the said committee; and

(f) if so, the action taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) and (b) Efforts are being made to make the Interim Facilities operational by taking steps for installation of medical equipment and appointment of medical personnel.

The selection of some essential equipment and their suppliers has been completed by the Institute, after following the due tendering and procurement procedures, and the proposals have received the recommendations of the Standing Finance Committee. The Institute's proposals for obtaining approval of the President, Governing Council, has been received by the Ministry in April, 1998.

The Government sanctioned 108 posts in Group A, B, C & D. In response to the advertisement for filling up the posts again 11 vacancies in Group 'A' posts, not a single

application was received against six vacancies. These posts have been re-advertised. Powers have been delegated to the Director of the Institute for making appointments to Group C & D posts to speed up the process of filling up of posts.

(c) and (d) A Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. P.K. Dave, Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi was constituted (a) to prepare a detailed project report for setting up a Referral Hospital with Postgraduate Teaching, (b) to update the costing, determining the interse priorities and phasing to meet the minimum requirement of establishing post-graduate teaching, (c) to revise the Project to include MBBS Course, and (d) to examine the Project Proposal prepared by the Institute.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) On examining the Report, it was found that detailed cost estimates are required to be worked out, keeping in view the priorities and the norms laid down by Medical Council of India. The Institute has entrusted the task of preparation of cost estimates to M/s. Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation Ltd. The entire matter will be placed before the Governing Council.

Infectious Water Supply in Delhi

1045. SHRI ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the diseases caused due to infectious water supply;

(b) whether the Government are aware of the reports of infectious water supply in several areas of Delhi, particularly in areas of South Delhi which may cause ulcer hepatitis and other diseases as epidemic;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) The important Diseases caused due to infectious water supply are acute diarrhoea in young children, cholera, dysentery, typhoid and viral hepatitis.

(b) and (c) The Delhi Jal Board has informed that of the 39 samples from AIIMS and adjoining areas lifted by Delhi Jal Board, 5 water samples of internal water distribution system of AIIMS were found bacteriologically unsatisfactory.

(d) The ensure the potability of the water, and to avoid chances of contamination, the work of flushing and cleaning of all reservoirs and over-head tanks and dead ends in distribution system has already been done by Delhi Jal Board.

All Agencies such as NDMC, CPWD, Delhi PWD, Delhi Cantonment various Cooperative Societies and individuals have been again advised to clear their Over-Head/Underground Stodge Tanks on regular basis, so as to ensure potability of drinking water.

Further, 250 to 300 samples are collected daily from different areas and checked.

A Mobile Laboratory is also deployed to check the quality of water in rural areas.

Testing Kits have been provided to Junior Engineers to check the presence of residual chlorine in drinking water.

People are advised not to use 'Shallow Hand Pump' water for drinking. These Pumps in resettlement Colonies have been painted in red colour with the indication 'Not fit for drinking'.

There are specified Laboratories for free testing of water quality in case of any complaints.

Demand and Supply of Fertilizers

1046. SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH :
SHRI N.K. PREM CHANDRAN :

Will the Minister of CEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the annual demand, supply and indigenous production of fertilizers in the country during the last three years, till 31.3.98. State-wise;

(b) the quantum of fertilizers imported alongwith the shortage thereof;

(c) the amount of foreign exchange incurred on the imports of fertilizers as well as the total amount of subsidy provided;

(d) the action taken by the Government to meet the shortage of fertilizers; and

(e) the name of fertilizers, which have not been extended the benefit of subsidy, if any ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL) : (a) and (b) Urea is the only fertilizer which is under price. movement and distribution control of the Government. All other phospehatic, potassic and low analysis fertilizers have been decontrolled starting from August 1992. The State-wise demand and supply of urea during the last three years is given at Statement I attached. The indigenous production of urea in the country as well as imports during the last three years are given at Statement II attached. The