

glass unit in the area, and to later link these to a proposed national grid.

(c) In view of the position of availability and commitments of gas along the HBJ pipeline, it has not been possible to agree to the request.

Import of Crude Oil

4651. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total short fall of oil imports from the Soviet Union this year;

(b) whether Iran and Iraq have stopped supplying the crude oil to India;

(c) whether any further alternative has been found for importing the crude oil; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the agreements finalised, if any with foreign countries in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) About 1.7 MMT during January–November 1991.

(b) While supplies from Iran are continuing, the supply from Iraq stopped from August, 1990.

(c) and (d). The shortfall of crude oil supplies is being made good from alternative sources, to the under term and spot purchases, to the extent required.

Financial Assistance by BCCI for Purchase of Arms by Anti India Elements

4652. SHRI C. SRINIVASAN: Will the

Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report about the financial assistance by the BCCI (Bank of Credit and Commerce International) to purchase arms and ammunition and supply the same to the anti-India and secessionist elements sheltered in Pakistan and Sri Lanka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b). Apart from news reports in this regard Government have not seen any other evidence to enable necessary action to be taken in the matter.

[*Translation*]

Pakistan Deputy High Commissioner s Speech on Jammu and Kashmir

4653. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Pak, Deputy High Commissioner defends Kashmir Policy" appearing in the Hindu dated November 20, 1991; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.