

(e) the number of cases of shortages that have come to light during the last three years, year-wise, indicating the amounts involved therein and how do that compare with the preceding three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) 12 cases.

(b) 3 cases.

(c) and (d). There have been some cases of shortages in the availability of goods in the godowns/stores due to pilferage, damages in handling, delays on the part of manufacturers/distributors for various reasons like transportation problem, production hurdles etc.

(e) A statement showing the number of cases of shortages due to pilferage etc. and the amount involved, during the last 5 years, year-wise is attached. Information for the period prior to that is not readily available with Kendriya Bhandar. It will be observed therefrom that the shortages as a percentage of the turnover have shown a declining trend.

STATEMENT

No. of Cases of Shortage and the Amount involved during the last 5 years, year-wise.

Period	No. of cases of shortages	Amount (Rs./lakhs)	Shortages as % to turnover
1991-92	45	3.60	0.06
1992-93	68	4.18	0.05
1993-94	90	4.93	0.05
1994-95	78	3.97	0.04
1995-96	60	3.85	0.03

Free Home Delivery

1669. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the All-India LPG Distributors Federation has threatened to curtail free home delivery of cylinders unless their commission was immediately raised; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of Gas to Rajasthan

1670. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BAHARGAVA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Oil India Limited/Gas Authority of India Limited has assured to supply gas at 5.5 lakhs standard cubic meter to Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the assurance is likely to be fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b). 5.5 lakhs Standard Cubic Metres per day has been allocated to the Ramgarh Power Project of Rajasthan State Electricity Board.

(c) Supply of gas to RSEB, Ramgarh commenced in November, 1994 and is scheduled to reach the level of 5.5 Lakhs Standard Cubic Metres per day by April, 1997.

[Translation]

Electronic Software Park

1671. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up 3 electronic software park in the National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) 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 YODINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c). There is no proposal under consideration with the Department of Electronics (DOE) to set up a Software Technology Park in the National Capital Territory of Delhi. The DOE has already set up a Software Technology Park at Noida which is presently serving the needs of the northern region. Besides this, National Small Industry Corporation (NSIC) has also set up a Software Technology Park near Okhla which is also providing infrastructural services to software exporting units.

[English]

Supply of LPG

1672. SHRI SANAT MEHTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the private companies at present engaged in supply of LPG in the country;

(b) the number of consumers supplied with LPG by private companies during 1995-96; and