

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Low Refining Capacity

*182. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether India's production capacity of LPG cylinders is 120 lakhs whereas refining capacity is only 50 lakhs cylinders;

(b) if so, the reasons for low refining capacity;

(c) the steps taken to increase refining capacity; and

(d) whether this low refining capacity is due to lack of coordination between the Directorate General of Technical Development and refineries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) The total installed cylinder manufacturing capacity in the country for the year 1984-85 is over 120 lakhs per annum as against the Oil Industry's estimated requirement of approximately 50 lakhs cylinder per year.

(b) The maximum possible LPG is being produced presently, within the overall refining capacity in the country.

(c) The availability of indigenous LPG is expected to increase from the present level of 862,000 tonnes per annum to 1.8 million-tonnes per annum by 1987-88 through increase in the refining capacity and extraction from natural gas.

(d) Does not arise.

Self-Sufficiency in Natural Gas

*188. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the places where natural gas has been located in the country during the last two years;

(b) the estimated quantity of gas likely to be available therefrom;

(c) the extent to which it will meet the requirements of the country; and

(d) the time by which the country will be self-sufficient in regard to natural gas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Natural gas (Non-associated) has been located at the following places in the country during the last two years (April 1983 onwards) :-

| ONSHORE | Name of Place | Name of State |
|---------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. | Gotaru | Rajasthan |
| 2. | Razola | |
| 3. | Bhimanapalli | Andhra Pradesh |
| 4. | Kaikalur | |
| 5. | Borsilla | Assam |
| 6. | South Mewad | Gujarat |
| 7. | Rokhia | Tripura |
| 8. | Kharaang | Arunachal Pradesh |

OFFSHORE

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| 1. | North Tapti | West Coast |
| 2. | B-48 | West Coast |

(b) 134.25 million cubic metres of recoverable reserves of gas have so far been established from the above discoveries as on 1.1.84.

(c) and (d). The production of natural gas in the country exceeds consumption at present.

H. M. T. Watches

*189. SHRI R.P. GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the location of Hindustan Machine Tools factories which are manufacturing watches ;

(b) the total number of watches manufactured in each unit during the calendar year 1984;

(c) the number of watches exported during the year 1984 and the names of the countries;

(d) the names of brands which are most popular in foreign countries;

(e) whether the parts used in HMT Watches are 100 per cent Indian or imported; and-

(f) if imported, the percentage of impor-