

(c) whether Indian passenger cars are already one of the most expensive in the world ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) :

(a) : In absence of a statutory price control, it is for the manufacturers to fix prices of their vehicles.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) : There is a wide variation in cost of inputs, taxation rates and volumes of production from one country to another. As such it is difficult to make such comparisons.

Reserves of Oil and Gas in the Country

*88. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated reserve of oil and gas in the country, Statewise details thereof ;

(b) what is the plan of ONGC in the Seventh Five Year Plan for drilling and exploration ; and

(c) the estimated cost and distribution thereof ; region-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) : The details of balance recoverable reserves out of proved reserves of crude oil and natural gas in the country, State-wise, as on 1.1.1984 are as under :—

(b) and (c) : The Seventh Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised. ONGC, propose to step up considerably their drilling and exploration efforts. Details will, however, be available after the 7th Plan is finalised.

State Onshore	Crude oil (Million tonnes)	Natural gas (Billion Cubic mts.)
(i) Gujarat	88.00	18.60
(ii) Assam	98.05	79.88
(iii) Rajasthan	—	0.54
(iv) Tripura	—	1.08
(v) Nagaland	0.96	0.34
	<u>187.01</u>	<u>100.44</u>
Offshore	323.81	337.81
Total	<u>510.82</u>	<u>478.25</u>

Losses Suffered by Hindustan Antibiotics Limited, Pune

*89. PROF. RAM KRISHNA MORE : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd., Pune continue to suffer heavy losses since several years ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve its working ?