

that we have the best use for it. Today the use of oil is not at all regulated. We are not in a position to get the best realisation. International fluctuation in prices causes such wide losses to us in foreign exchange, and we are not using oil in the most....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

I was waiting for you to finish the sentence, but you did not.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Target for Rural Houses Under IAY

*82. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target for construction of rural houses under the Indira Awas Yojana during the current financial year, State-wise;

(b) whether Government are satisfied with the pace of implementation to achieve the target; and

(c) if not, what measures are contemplated to accelerate the pace?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. (See below).

(b) Pace of construction under Indira Awas Yojana is by and large satisfactory.

(c) the progress of the scheme is being vigorously monitored.

Statement

Targets fixed under Indira Awas Yojana during 1996-97 for different States/UTs are as under

State/UT	Target
Andhra Pradesh	84640
Arunachal Pradesh	631
Assam	29197

State/UT	Target
Bihar	151453
Goa	1736
Gujarat	33633
Haryana	6983
Himachal Pradesh	2165
Jammu & Kashmir	5347
Karnataka	53181
Kerala	18554
Madhya Pradesh	147902
Maharashtra	81120
Manipur	808
Meghalaya	946
Mizoram	398
Nagaland	1014
Orissa	62248
Punjab	4966
Rajasthan	50325
Sikkim	369
Tamil Nadu	71598
Tripura	1051
Uttar Pradesh	241251
West Bengal	70979
A&N Islands	337
D&N Haveli	278
Daman & Diu	120
Lakshadweep	0
Pondicherry	330
TOTAL	1123560

Import of Gas from Oman and Iran

*84. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the feasibility study of importing gas from Oman and Iran to be used in power stations in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have decided to supply this imported gas to Pipavav Power Project in Gujarat; and

(c) if not, how Government propose to supply fuel to the Pipavav Power Project?

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