

Name of the State/System/Station	Capacity (MW) as on 31.3.96	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
ASSAM				
Chandrapur	60	20.0	29.9	35.7
Namrup	30	23.8	32.0	27.9
Baongaigaon	240	14.8	20.4	24.2
Gas Turbine	141	28.3	33.0	33.9
Assam	330	19.9	26.8	28.6
ALL INDIA	—	61.0	60.0	63.0

Modern technology for process milk and fruits

637. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV:
Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is ample scope for introducing modern technology in the processing of milk and fruits; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken by Government to improve milk and fruits processing facilities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) and (b) The introduction of modern technology in the processing of milk and fruits is a continuous process. The standards of some milk and fruits processing plants in India are comparable to any advanced country in the world.

Worsening Condition of Bombay High

638. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the condition of India's prime oilfield, Bombay High, has worsened since 1990;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to cope up with the situation and with what results;

(d) what are the findings of the Dasgupta Committee in this behalf;

(e) whether all the recommendations of the Committee have been implemented; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the Bombay High oil field has shown declining trend in production during 1996-97 due to unexpected reservoir behaviour not in conformity with earlier predictions.

(c) The Government has constituted a Committee of Experts to analyse causes of the shortfall in crude oil production including the production from Western Offshore fields. The Committee would also suggest remedial measures both short term as well as long term for restoring the reservoir health of Western Offshore fields and for raising production level.

In the meantime, a number of steps are being taken by ONGC in consultation with DGH.

- (i) Drilling of Extended Reach wells, horizontal and some additional in-fill wells;

(ii) Planned additional development based on 3D seismic survey of the oil field.

(iii) Rectificatory measures such as aggressive work-overs, profite modification of producers and injectors and use of special techniques viz. long/short drifts, side track and drain hole drilling for revivel of wells.

(iv) Obtaining services of international experts wherever necessary.

As result of the above measures declining trend in production is expected to be controlled in the coming years.

(d) The recommendations of the Dasgupta Committee set up in 1990 to review the development of Bombay High field include interalia — that reservoir imbalance be restored with rigorous control of COR, work-over operations be undertaken after shutting off wells with high gas oil ratios & high water cut, experimental work to flush out more oil from low permeability zones be undertaken, efforts to rectify adverse developments such as water channeling be made, etc.

(e) and (f) Several of the recommendations of BHRC, such as closure and repair of high GOR wells, increased workover jobs for water shut off thereby improving voidage compensation, were implemented by ONGC with varying degree of success.

Consumption of Petrol and Diesel in Andhra Pradesh

639. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the consumption of petrol and diesel in Andhra Pradesh during 1995-96;

(b) the expected consumption of petrol and diesel in the State in 1996-97;

(c) whether a proportionate increase in retail outlets in the State is proposed in 1996-97; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The consumption of petrol and diesel in Andhra Pradesh during 1995-96 is given below:—

PETROL	314 TMT.
DIESEL	2867 TMT.

(b) The estimated demand for petrol and diesel in Andhra Pradesh during 1995-96 is given below:—

PETROL	338 TMT.
DIESEL	3047 TMT.

(c) and (d) The Oil Industry conducts feasibility studies in accordance with volume-distance norms to identify locations where petrol/diesel retail outlets can be put up. All viable locations are included in the prospective marketing plan for development of retail outlet dealerships. This is a continuous process.

Development of Wasteland in Non-Forest Areas

640. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes launched by Government for development of vast areas of wasteland in the non-forest areas during the last three years and the current financial year, State-wise; and

(b) the details of targets fixed and achieved and the funds allocated for these schemes during the above period, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA DEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) The Department of Wastelands Development in the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment is implementing the following Plan