

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDHARTHA) :** (a) A Statement at Annexure is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix CLXV, Annexure No. 28].

(b) Statement will be laid on the Table of the House after completion.

(c) Under the National Tuberculosis Control Programme—fully equipped and staffed District TB Centres have been established for treatment and detection of TB cases—in association with Health Institutions existing in the periphery. Anti-TB drugs are supplied free of cost to the diagnosed TB patients, irrespective of caste, creed or location from these Centres. Main emphasis is on domiciliary treatment and seriously ill patients requiring surgical intervention are referred to TB Hospitals/Sanatoriums where free treatment facilities are available.

#### Ayurvedic Treatment for Aids

**1446. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the claim of an Ayurvedic Firm in Kerala that it has cured two AIDS patients; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make a full-fledged study on the efficacy of the Ayurvedic treatment for AIDS?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARATHA) :** (a) No such claim has been received by the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

**संसद सदस्यों के बतान, भले में वृद्धि**

**1447. श्री भद्रेश्वर गोहाई :**

**श्री राम गोपाल यादव :**

**श्री ईश दत्त वादव :**

**क्या संसदीय कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :**

**(क) क्या सरकार भूतपूर्व और वर्तमान संसद सदस्यों की पेंशन, भत्ते और यात्रा**

**बुविधाओं को बढ़ाने पर विचार कर रही है; और**

**(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार कब तक संसद में ऐसा विधान प्रस्तुत करने का विचार रखती है ?**

**संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आज़ाद) :** (क) और (ख) : मामला सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

#### Financial aid for organising Youth Parliament Competition

**1448. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO :** Will the Minister of **Parliamentary Affairs** be pleased to state :

(a) whether any financial aid was given to any educational or other institutions for organising Youth Parliament Competitions during the year 1991-92, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what is the financial provision made for such competitions for the current year?

**THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) :** (a) and (b) No financial assistance is given to any educational or other institution directly by this Ministry for organising Youth Parliament Competitions. This Ministry provides up to a maximum of Rs. 5,000/- in a year to each State/UT which organises Youth Parliament Competition in the State/UT and claims reimbursement of the expenses incurred by them.

#### Quota of Kerosene for Orissa

**@@1449. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA :**

**SHRI NARAIN PRASAD GUPTA :**

Will the Minister of **PETROLEUM NATURAL GAS** be pleased state :

(a) what was the quota of Kerosene demanded by the Orissa under PDS for the current year;

(b) the quota of Kerosene allotted to Orissa for the current year; and

**@@Previously unstarred question 550, transferred from 26th November, 1992**

(c) what is the reasons for not fulfilling the demand ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND) : (a) to (c) Allocation of Kerosene to States/Union Territories is made on a historical basis subject to availability of the product. Presently kerosene allocation for Orissa is 12,956 MTs per month. SKO allocation to all States/UTs is being maintained at the same level as during 1991-92.

#### Purchase of Natural gas from Bangladesh

£1450. SHRI DEBARATA BISWAS : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently approached Bangladesh for purchasing of natural gas for commercial use in India, particularly in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the response therefrom;

(c) whether Government propose to further improve the trade relations between India and Bangladesh;

(d) if so, the steps taken so far in that direction; and

(e) the result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The response is not encouraging.

(c) to (e) The steps being taken in this regard include relief in customs duty wherever possible, participation in trade fairs, exchange of trade delegations and dialogues at official and business levels.

The impact of these measures would be evident from the following trade figures:—

(Rs. in crores)				
Year	Total Trade			
1987-88	.	.	.	201.60
1988-89	.	.	.	276.47
1989-90	.	.	.	477.63
1990-91	.	.	.	478.73
1991-92	.	.	.	823.60

£Previously unstarred question 677, transferred from 26th November, 1992

#### Identification of Area for Exploration of Oil and Gas in Arunachal Pradesh

1451. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some areas in Arunachal Pradesh have been identified by the Oil India Limited for exploration of oil and Gas there; and

(b) if so, what are the district-wise details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In addition to the two existing oil-fields in Arunachal Pradesh, namely, Kharsang and Kumchai in Changlang district, Oil India Limited is carrying out exploration in Kharem (Pengri-Bordumsa) area in the same district.

#### Supply of L.P.G. Cylinders at Basot in Almora District of U.P.

1452. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no L.P.G. agency at Basot which is the last motorable point in Ranikhet-Bhatraujkhan-Basot Road in District Almora, U.P.,

(b) whether it is also a fact that M/s. Ranikhet Gas Service supplies LPG cylinders at Bhatraujkhan twice a month to all the consumers residing at places spread over 15 kms. from Bhatraujkhan to Basot;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to direct M/s. Ranikhet Gas Service to supply LPG cylinders on all the main points along the Bhatraujkhan-Basot Road; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The villages including Basot situated along Bhatraujkhan-Basot Road are very small having extremely low potential.