

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (?) Oil exploration activity is going to be continued during the Eighth Plan period by oil and Natural Gas Commission in both onshore and offshore Bengal Basin and by Oil India Ltd. in Offshore Bengal Basin. Exploration activities will be continued on the basis of exploration leads obtained from time to time.

(b) Areas earmarked for oil exploration in the onland part of Bengal Basin are in and around Nadia District, Midnapur District, Murshidabad District, in the areas adjoining Purnea Basin and the

plains South of Himalayan Foot-Hills. In the offshore, the area earmarked for oil exploration in the Bengal Basin lies in the south of Contai upto the water depth of 18 meters.

(c) The Plan outlay for this purpose will be decided only after the finalisation of Eighth Plan as a whole.

Incentives for non-conventional Energy Producers

671. SHRI S. K. T. RAMA-CHANDRAN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether incentives are extended to the producers of non-conventional energy ;

(b) if so, whether the incentives are common to all types of non-conventional energy producers ;

(c) if there is any variation in extending incentives, what are the reasons therefor ;

(d) whether Government propose to provide similar incentives to all types of non-conventional energy producers ;

(e) whether any public financial institutions have been established to assist non-conventional energy producers; and

(f) whether these institutions have their regional branches; if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARJUN MOHD. KHAN) :

(a) Yes, Sir, incentives are extended by the Government of India to the users and manufacturers of equipment for production of energy from non-conventional energy sources.

(b) to (d) The incentives extended by the Central Government include accelerated depreciation allowance on plant and machinery, exemptions from excise and customs duties on specified renewable energy devices and systems, scientific and technical instruments and equipments, de-licensing of equipments for exploitation of non-conventional sources of energy, financial subsidies, and provision of loans by financial institutions on concessional terms. These incentives are common to similar systems and devices, equipments, and scientific and technical instruments ; however, incentives such as subsidies and concessional loans and customs duties may vary from case to case depending upon, *inter-alia*, technology, indigenous availability of materials, components and devices, and the scheme to be implemented.

(e) and (f) While the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency has no regional branches, various other financial institutions which also provide credit on concessional terms for the manufacture and use

of renewable energy systems, having branches in different regions of the country.

Growth rate of industrial production

672. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a steady increase in the growth rate of industrial production since 1985 onwards; and

(b) what is the gross value of industrial production in the country since 1985-86 onwards, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a)* According to Index of Industrial production compiled by C. S. O., the following rates of growth have been observed for the periods 1985-86 to 1988-89:

Year	% Growth Rate
1985-86 .	8-7
1988-87 .	9-1
1987-88 .	7-3
1988-89 .	8-8
1989-90 .	5-2

(April-November)

(b) According to the National Accounts Statistics brought out by C. S. O., gross value added in the

industrial sector for the periods 1985-86 to 1988-89 are as follows:—

<i>Gross Value added in industrial sector</i>	
Rs. Crores	
Year	(Mfg. Mining and electricity)
1985-86 .	55399
1986-87 .	62722
1987-88 .	67541
	(Provisional)
1988-89 .	78148
	(Quick)

Price Control on Oxyfedrine HCL.

673. SHRI JAGESH DESAI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of representations received for inclusion of Oxyfedrine Hcl. under price control by his Ministry and Kelkar Committee from the date of exclusion of this drug upto 20th February, 1990;

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(b) what was the basis given in such representations in support of inclusion of this drug;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of other drugs which do not fulfil any of the exclusion criteria have been price decontrolled; and

(d) if so, what are the names of those drugs for which representations have been received for inclusion under price control? *

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) and (b) The details of all the representations received for inclusion of Oxyfedrine Hcl. under price control are not readily available. However, during 1989, six letters on the