

tions will continue in accordance with annual targets.

L.P.G. agency in Gujarat

786. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat have requested for the allotment of Gas Agency in 37 towns having more than 20 thousand population teaks are not yet covered by LPG facilities; and

(b) if so, what steps the Central Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of the 37 towns suggested by the Government of Gujarat the Oil Industry has already covered 28 towns (including Ahmedabad) upto its 1984-85 Marketing Plan Of the remaining 9 locations, 7 are proposed to be included in the Oil Industry's 1985-86 Marketing Plan while the existing potential is not adequate for an economically viable gas agency at the two remaining locations.

Use of Sniffer system

787. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state;

(a) whether 'Sniffer system' was imported by Oil and Natural Gas Commission from the United States of America for its use; and

(b) if so, whether it is being used properly by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) -ind (b) Yes, Sir.

Helicopters for ONGC

788. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state.

(a) whether the ONGC propose to procure helicopters for their offshore operations;

(b) whether some foreign and Indian turns manufacturing helicopters have approached the ONGC in this regard; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Defence is procuring helicopters for ONGC.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

H. M. T. tractors

789. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BAN SAL; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether there has been a shortfall in the production of HMT tractors and in their market value of share of machine tools;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore; and

(c) what steps have been taken to accelerate the production rate of HMT tractors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) No, Sir. The value of production of tractors as compared with the value of production of machine tools by HMT has been increasing.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Review of 'No Industry District' Policy

790. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the State Governments including Gujarat, have requested the Central Government to review the 'No Industry District' Policy;

(b)-If so, the reaction of Government thereto;