

tamethasone and its derivatives during the last three years is as under:—

1978-79	280 kgs.
1979-80	348
1980-81	425.21 kgs.

The prices for Betamethasone and its derivatives fixed effective 12th May, 1981 are based on the consideration that the company is producing Betamethasone from own produced and procured, 16-DPA. Information as to whether they are importing any penultimate for the production of Betamethasone or not is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Applications for gas connection recommended by M.Ps.

2394. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY;
SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI;

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of fresh applications for L.P.G. Connections recommended by Members of Parliament which were received for his clearance during the period from January to June, 1981; and

(b) the number of applications out of these which were rejected by him and the reasons for their rejection?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b) A large number of applications for cooking gas connections, including those recommended by the Members of Parliament are being received in this Ministry. A few connections are released on priority by the oil companies to certain categories

of applicants like the diplomats, handicapped persons and also on compassionate grounds. The applications recommended by the Members of Parliament along with other applications for cooking gas connections are examined on merits under these provisions and requests have been agreed to in some cases. The information regarding the total number of applications for LPG connections recommended by the Members of Parliament and the number of cooking gas connections released on such requests is not readily available.

Cooking gas through pipelines .

2395. SHRI V. VENKA;
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY;

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state whether Government have taken any decision to provide cooking gas through pipelines for the poor people in resettlement colonies in Delhi; if so, the number of families expected to be benefited by this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): There is no proposal under the consideration of this Ministry at present to supply Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) through pipelines to the resettlement colonies in Delhi.

Journalists and political persons' participation in programmes of AIR/Doordarshan

2396. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL;
SHRI LAKHAN SINGH;

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of journalists and persons of political parties who were invited to participate in the spotlight and other similar programmes of (i)