

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Reproductive and Child Health Programme

*382. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the interventions through Reproductive and Child Health Programme are helping in improving child health and addressing mortality and morbidity of children in the country, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any survey, after the National Family Health Survey-3, 2005-06, has been conducted; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Various interventions under Reproductive and child health programme have helped in bringing down the infant mortality rate from 58 per thousand live births in 2005 to 53 per thousand live births in India in 2008. The infant mortality rate in Andhra Pradesh has also shown decline from 57 per thousand live births in 2005 to 52 in 2008.

(b) and (c) After NFHS III Survey 2005-06, District Level Household Survey (DLHS) was conducted during 2007-08.

Discovery of natural gas in Khambhat region of Gujarat

†*383. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Australian oil exploration company, Oilex Limited, has discovered abundant reserves of natural gas in Khambhat region of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the total estimated gas reserves in billion cusec feet in Khambhat Basin;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the gas reserves adjoining Khambhat city in that block are as rich as the ones belonging to Reliance Industries at D-6 block of KG Basin in the Bay of Bengal; and

(d) the extent to which the gas reserves found in Khambhat region would make the country self-sufficient in terms of natural gas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) to (d) M/s Oilex NL Holdings (India) Limited, an Australia based E&P Company, operating the Cambay field in Kheda district of Khambhat region in Gujarat has not made any new gas discovery in the field. However, based on the evaluation of existing data, the operator submitted that the In-Place 2P reserves of Cambay field

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is about 384 Billion Cubic Feet (BCF) as against the reserves of 273 BCF agreed to by Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH).

The In-Place gas reserves in Cambay field in Khambhat region is far less than the In-Place gas reserves of 12.59 TCF approved in the Field Development Plan of D1 & D3 gas discoveries in the block KG-DWN-98/3 operated by Reliance Industries Limited (RIL).

The extent of commercial gas production will depend upon the results of drilling of wells and establishing of reserves.

Super-speciality wing in Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi

*384. PROF. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Members of Parliament had written to the Minister on 2 February, 2010 regarding the ample space lying unused in Safdarjung Hospital and the Minister on 24 September, 2010 replied that there is a proposal for the construction of 550 bedded super speciality wing in Safdarjung Hospital;

(b) if so, whether the super speciality wing has since been established; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay and by when this wing will be set up?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) While the Ministry had been exploring the possibility of utilizing the existing space at Safdarjung Hospital, the decongestion at the Safdarjung Hospital has also been a major concern of this Ministry. Accordingly, this Ministry is also considering the possibility of building an outreach campus of Safdarjung Hospital on the fringes of the capital. All possible options will be explored in order to find a feasible solution to the problem of patient load at Safdarjung Hospital.

Construction of roads under PMGSY in Tamil Nadu

*385. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of habitations connected and road lengths completed in Tamil Nadu under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) the number of habitations yet to be covered under PMGSY in the State;

(c) by when all these habitations will be covered; and