

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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