

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI) : (a) At the request of the Government of Orissa, a Central Team of Officers recently visited the State to review the situation arising out of the drought and to assess the requirement of funds for relief.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A summary of the Report is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix LXV, Annexure No. 8]

INDIAN HERB 'KANAR FOR HEART AILMENTS

118. SHRI ABID ALI : Will the Minister of HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian herb known as 'Kanar' has been found to be an effective cure for heart ailments and that a German firm has planned to make pills from the said herb ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the leaction of the Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) : (a) Yes.

(b) A German firm is understood to be planning to produce tablets and ampoules of "peruvoside" derived from 'Pella Kenar' (Thevetia Nerifolia), an Indian herb. The drug is understood to have been investigated in Germany with promising results. The Indian Council of Medical Research has made arrangements for carrying out clinical trials for confirming the findings of German workers.

WASTAGE OF GAS COMING OUT OF OIL WELLS

119. SHRI ABID ALI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the approximate quantity and value of gas which is wasted as a result of burning while coming out of the oil wells

(b) how it compares with the wastage in other countries where utilisation of such gas is fully made ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the scheme to utilise the gas purposefully has not yet been finalised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K. RAGHURA-MAIAH) : (a) About two million cubic metres of gas is being flared per day by Oil India Ltd. and Oil & Natural Gas Commission. As this is 'associated gas', which comes inevitably along with crude no value can be computed until a customer is found for it.

(b) In the Middle East, for want of market, large quantities of gas are flared. As utilisation of gas depends on the consumer-market, comparison with other countries would piobably not be appropriate.

(c) The gas from Nahorkatiya and Ankleshwar is fully committed, and flaring is being resorted to as the entire earmarked quantity is not being lifted by the parties concerned.

मंत्रियों के निवास स्थान

120. श्री राजनारायण : क्या निर्माण, आवास और पूति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने दिल्ली में मंत्रियों के मौजूदा बंगलों को खत्म करके उनके लिये अंग्रेजी ढंग के काटेज टाइप निवास स्थान की व्यवस्था करने का निर्णय किया है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस कार्यक्रम के अधीन किन-किन बंगलों को गिराया जाएगा और किस स्तर के मंत्रियों को किस आधार पर नय कुटीर दिए जाएंगे; और

(ग) परियोजना पर कितनी लागत आएगी और उसका अन्य व्यौरा क्या है ?

MINISTERS' RESIDENCES

120. SHRI RAJNARAIN : Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state; :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to demolish the existing bungalows of the Ministers in Delhi and to provide them cottage type residences on the English style;

(b) if so, which are the bungalows that will be demolished under this programme and what will be the rank of

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