

(b) and (c) No, Sir, BPCL has Company Operated Depot (COD) at Srinagar and HPCL has four tree spray oil distributors at Srinagar and a CFA for transformer oil at Jammu. IOCL has its Carrying and Forwarding Agent (CFA) in Jammu and stockists in Kashmir division.

(d) When the Jammu-Srinagar Highway gets closed, supplies may get affected as the vehicular movement is not allowed.

(e) Transformer oil/Tree Spray oil are decontrolled products and Oil Marketing Companies establish their marketing network based on commercial considerations.

External sources for acquiring natural gas

1364. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA:

SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the existing external sources of the country to acquire natural gas;
- (b) whether Government proposes to import natural gas from Israel; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Currently India imports 7.5 MMTPA long-term LNG volumes from Qatar. Further, India is importing spot/short term cargoes from Oman, Abu Dhabi, Yemen, Egypt, Algeria, Nigeria, Equatorial Guinea, Norway, Trinidad & Tobago etc.

(b) Presently, there is no proposal to import natural gas from Israel.

(c) Does not arise in view of the (b) above.

Delay in laying of HBJ gas pipeline

1365. DR. C.P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the reasons for delay in laying the proposed Hazira-Bijapur-Jagdishpur (HBJ) gas pipeline *via* Barauni which will ensure the development of not only Barauni but also of various cities of Bihar, indicating the reasons why Government is silent about it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): The Hazira-Vijaipur-Jagdishpur (HVJ) pipeline is the oldest natural gas pipeline, supplying gas to various consumers from Hazira to Jagdishpur. However, the pipeline which is proposed to pass through Barauni and various parts of Bihar is Jagdishpur-Haldia pipeline (JHPL) of GAIL.