

to increase the production capacity of petroleum products instead of importing them from abroad?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). The estimated production of petroleum products in the country during 1991-92 will be about 50.3 MMT. During the years 1989-90 and 1990-91, the quantity of petroleum products produced in the country was around 49.46 MMT and 49.49 MMT respectively. Consumption for the above years was around 54.10 MMT and 54.80 MMT respectively.

(c) Measures are being taken to create additional refining capacity by setting up new grass root refineries and by expanding the existing ones.

Saving of Petroleum Products

563. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA:
DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR
REDDY:

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

(a) the total quantity of petroleum products produced in the country and the quantity imported during each of the last three years;

(b) whether any effective policy was adopted for saving the petroleum products; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a)

(Fig. in MMT)

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91*
Production of Petroleum products.	46.425	49.459	49.489
Imports of Petroleum products.	6.495	6.564	8.660

*Provisional.

(b) and (c) As a result of various measures taken, the growth of consumption of petroleum products was restricted to 1.3% in 1990-91 and to 2.4% in April-'92 c. 1991-92 as compared to an average compound annual growth of 6.9% during the VII Plan period.

[English].

Drilling Operation in the Cauvery Basin of Tamil Nadu

564. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY:
SHRI SOBHANADREES-
WARA RAO VADDE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND

NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of drilling operations done so far in the Cauvery basin of Tamil Nadu;

(b) the quantity of crude oil produced during each of the last three years and target for the next three years, year-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up refineries in the Cauvery basin;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which there are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 139

(b) The quantity of crude oil produced in the basin during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 (upto January 1992) has been 0.251 million tonnes, 0.303 million tonnes and 0.250 million tonnes, respectively. Targets for the next three years have not been fixed.

(c) to (e). A crude distillation unit of 0.5 million tonnes capacity is being set up at Panangudi village near Nagapattinam.

Special Tribunal for Dealing with Communal Riots

565. **SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATANAYAK:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up Special Tribunal to deal with offenders of communal riots; and

(b) if so, the time by which the necessary legislation is likely to be brought before the parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIM.M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Agriculture Farm at Bhabhua, Bihar

566. **SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal to set up an Agricultural farm at Bhabhua, Bihar; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Gas Plant in Uttar Pradesh

567. **DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to set up a gas plant in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). Two gas based fertilizer plants and one power plant in Uttar Pradesh are already in operation. One more gas based power Plant is under commissioning and gas allocations have also been made for two additional fertilizer plants, one sponge iron plant and one petro-chemicals project in Uttar Pradesh.

[English]

National Committee on Babri Masjid-Ram Janma Bhoomi Issue

568. **DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a National Committee to find a solution to the Babri Masjid-Ram Janma Bhoomi issue; and