

<i>Sl.No</i>	<i>State/ UT</i>	<i>No. of freedom fighters.</i>
16.	Mizoram	4
17.	Nagaland	3
18.	Orissa	4,133
19.	Punjab	6,776
20.	Rajasthan	779
21.	Sikkim	—
22.	Tamil Nadu	4,050
23.	Tripura	883
24.	Uttar Pradesh	17,845
25.	West Bengal	22,142
26.	Andaman & Nic. Is.	—
27.	Chandigarh	86
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—
29.	Daman & Diu	—
30.	Delhi	2,010
31.	Lakshdweep	—
32.	Pondicherry	308
33.	I. N. A.	21,858
TOTAL		1,61,335

[English]

Drilling Operation in Arabian Sea

235. PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any drilling operation is taking place in the Arabian Sea for oil Exploration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the countries taking part in this operation ;

(d) the conditions laid down for this drilling operation;

(e) whether any positive results have been obtained from the operation;and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) and (b). Presently 15 exploratory locations are under drilling in the Arabian Sea.

(c) This drilling is being done by ONGC and a present no other country is involved.

(d) does not arise.

(e) and (f). During 1992 , hydrocarbon strikes have been made on 6 structures.

Allocation of Gas

236. SHRI HARIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have prioritised gas allocation based on its usage;

(b) if so the principles on which this prioritisation has been done and the details of the prescribed priorities;

(c) whether allocation of offshore gas strictly followed these priorities; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) and (b). Gas allocations have generally been based on the imputed Economic Values (IEVS) of natural gas in each sector with priority being given to the requirements in the fertilizer, power and steel sectors.

(c) Allocation of offshore gas has generally been based on these priorities.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Gas Production

237. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has formulated a development project to increase the production of gas ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the target fixed for gas production under this project; and

(d) the present gas production in lac cubic metre per day and extent to which it is likely to increase by 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) to (d). ONGC'S Gas production is planned to be increased through additional development of existing field and development of new fields during VIII plan (1992-97). The project-wise production of natural gas by 1996-97 is expected to be as under:-

(MMSCMD)

a) Additional development of L-II in Bombay High.	2.44
b) Additional development of L-III in Bombay High	4.52
c) Neelam	1.80
d) R-15 A (South Heera)	0.11
e) Panna (PB, PD, PE)	0.42
f) S-I Sand (free gas)	3.00
g) Gandhar Phase-II	7.14
h) Additional development of Bassein gas field	5.00

In addition six medium sized offshore fields of ONGC have been offered to private

companies for development under joint venture arrangements with ONGC and these