

to bring gas is still at a conceptual stage, and no terms and conditions or estimates of project cost have been worked out. In so far as the refineries are concerned, BPCL/HPCL and the Oman Oil Company will have an equity stake of 26% each, the remaining 48% of the equity will be offered to the public.

[Translation]

Cholera and Gastroenteritis in Delhi

*70. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHRY:
SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was recently an outbreak

of cholera and gastroenteritis in several parts of Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported in Delhi during the last two months;

(c) the number of deaths due to these diseases; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):
(a) to (c): According to the report of the Govt. of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, the number of Cholera and Gastroenteritis cases and deaths in Delhi during May to July (upto 22nd), 1993 are as flows:-

| | Cholera Cases | Gastroenteritis Cases | Deaths |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------|
| May | 126 | 10,109 | 3 |
| June | 120 | 7,884 | 2 |
| July (upto 22nd) | 79 | 4,977 | - |

(d) The remedial steps taken by the Government of national Capital Territory of Delhi to prevent such outbreaks are:

1. Surveillance and monitoring.
2. Supply of safe drinking water.
3. Safe disposal of human excreta, garbage, refuse etc.
4. Promotion of Oral Rehydration Therapy.
5. Strengthening of Health Education measures.

Import of Gas

71. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:
SHRI MANJAY LAL:

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

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to import gas from Middle East countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a panel experts has been constituted in this regard;