

[Translation]

Reservation for Women

*13. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to provide 33% reservation to women also in Central Government Services in addition to the provision of reservation in Lok Sabha, Legislative Assemblies, Rajya Sabha and Legislative Councils; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to introduce Constitution Amendment Bill in this regard during the ensuing session of Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b). The Government are considering a proposal to provide reservation for women in Government jobs.

[English]

Production of Urea

*14. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH :
SHRI MAHESH KANODIA :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the total production of urea in the country during each of the last three years; and

(b) the total demand of urea in the country during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA) : (a) The total production of urea in the country in the last three years is given below :

Year	Production (in lakh metric tonnes)
1993-94	131.48
1994-95	141.43
1995-96	158.20

(b) The total assessed demand for urea during the last three years as reflected in the crop season-wise allocations made under the Essential

Commodities Act, 1995 and the corresponding availability of urea are given below :

Year	(in lakh metric tonnes)			
	Kharif		Rabi	
	Dem- and	Avail- ability	Dem- and	Avail- ability
1993-94	77.76	86.16	95.33	96.54
1994-95	83.81	84.42	101.09	102.75
1995-96	96.61	97.27	107.83	112.99
Estimated				

Production of Natural Gas

*15. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total production of the natural gas in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the production of natural gas has declined during the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) The production of natural gas during the last three years were 50.23, 53.33 and 61.85 MMSCMD in 1993-94, 94-95 and 95-96 respectively

(b) and (c). No, Sir, The current production of natural gas is 63.34 MMSCMD.

(d) Steps taken to increase the production of natural gas include the additional development of existing fields, development of new fields etc.

Mining Lease for Bailadila Iron Ore Deposits

*16. SHRI BANWARILAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received representations for transfer of mining lease for Bailadila Iron ore deposit 11-B in favour of a joint venture company;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (c). The Government have received representations from Hon'ble Members of Parliament, certain individuals and trade Unions/Organisations