

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR):

(a) According to Indian Council of Medical Research studies conducted in Western Countries and in India do not confirm this view.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Prevention of heart diseases is part of the health education programme of the Government.

Leakage in Gas Pipeline

1687. SHRISHOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the gas pipeline from K.G. Basin leaked during the last 132 months;

(b) the estimated loss to ONGC due to these leakages;

(c) the estimated losses to the adjacent farmers;

(d) the reasons for the frequent leakages; and

(e) the action taken against the persons/organisations responsible for this sub-standard work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) There were 97 leaks on Tatipaka Kovur Pipeline and 44 leaks in gas flow lines from wells in past 12 months.

(b) There were no tangible losses to ONGC or GAIL as the leaks were arrested immediately

(c) The leakages were due to deterioration of the coating of pipeline and due to high water table and corrosive soil conditions which led to corrosion.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above

Producers Association

1688. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Wax Producers Association has made a representation in regard to the problems faced by their industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the action taken by the Government to resolve their problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) and (b) The Association has raised issues concerning pricing of slack wax and stoppage of import of paraffin wax etc.

(c) A present paraff wax Type I and Type II are imported to make good the shortfall in domestic production. The processors of slack wax are not affected by these imports as they are predominantly involved in making Type III. paraffin wax.

LPG Cylinders Manufacturing unit

1689. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: