

(d) the present position of the project to supply piped gas to domestic users in Eastern Suburban of Mumbai and the proposed expansion of this project to other parts of Mumbai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The Pending waiting list for LPG connections with PSU Oil Companies in Mumbai as of 1.10.98 is 2.50 lakhs.

(c) Plans have been drawn for higher availability of LPG by increasing the capacity of the existing production sources, putting up new plants and higher import through existing and new facilities. With the expected higher availability of LPG through imports and indigenous production, more connections are planned to be released in future and it is expected to clear the entire waiting list by the year 2000-2001 A.D.

(d) As on date Mahanagar Gas Ltd. (MGL) have laid the pipelines and made the gas available to approx. 30,000 Domestic Consumers in Eastern suburban areas namely Chembur, parts of Chunabhatti, Govandi-Deonar, and parts of Ghatkopar (E) 14,000 Consumers have already been registered with (MGL) and over 10,000 consumers are connected on gas.

Floating of Anti-Indian Magazine in J&K

1494. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Pak militants float anti-Indian magazine in J&K" appearing in the 'Statesman' dated September 7, 1998;

(b) if so, the fact of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Some magazines containing anti-India propaganda are known to have been published from Pakistan for the last few years and smuggled into India.

(c) Steps are being taken by various concerned agencies including media to see that the people are not influenced and misled by the anti-India misinformation campaign unleashed by Pakistan. The State Government has been advised to initiate all possible steps to ensure

that stringent actions are taken against persons involved in the clandestine circulation of such magazines.

Drug Counselling Centres

1495. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drug counselling centres all over the country are likely to be closed due to suspension of aid to these centres; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Such of those counselling centres which are providing satisfactory service, as established by inspection, will not be closed.

Stock/Sale of Palmolein

1496. SHRI VAIKO: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present stock position of Palmolein;

(b) whether the Super Bazar have stopped selling palmolein;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the time by which other stock of edible oils are likely to be available;

(e) the position of flexible pouches at present;

(f) whether the stocks are sufficient to meet the demand; and

(g) if not, the steps Government propose to take to ease oil crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV): (a) As on 30th November, 1998 there was a stock of 24,292 MT of imported RBD Palmolein for the Public Distribution System with STC at its various depots. Besides 32,000 MT of RBD Palmolein already contracted for import by STC is expected to reach during December, 1998.