

**Profits of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.**

1896. SHRI RAJAMOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of turn-over by the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation in 1988-89 and 1989-90;

(b) the profits earned during the above

period after paying various taxes;

(c) whether there is any proposal to expand the oil refinery at Vizag in Andhra Pradesh in near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). The information is as follows:

*(Rupees in Crores)*

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Turn over</i> | <i>Profit after tax</i> |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>1</i>    | <i>2</i>         | <i>3</i>                |
| 1988-89     | 3445.36          | 173.90                  |
| 1989-90     | 3779.46          | 200.26                  |

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

**Waiting List for LPG Connections**

1897. SHRI SUKHENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applicants on the waiting lists for cooking gas connections, State-wise;

(b) the total number of new connections likely to be allotted during the current year, the State-wise break up thereof; and

(c) the number of new gas connection

allotted so far during the current year and to be allotted to Madhya Pradesh this year?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The information is given below.

(b) and (c). During 1990-91, it is proposed to release 10 lakh new LPG connections all over the country. New connections are released in a phased manner, under the annual programme for enrolment of customers, subject to availability of LPG infrastructural facilities, commissioning of new distributors, and keeping in view the waiting list with the distributors. No State-wise targets are fixed in this regard. As on August 1, 1990 approximately 10,360 new LPG connections have been released during the current year in Madhya Pradesh.