

State Government for the year 1991-92 to 1994-95

### **Iraq's Offer of Oil**

185. SHRISHANTARAM POTDUKHE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Iraq has offered India worth 500 million of oil in full settlement of dues accumulated over the past twelve years;

(b) if so, whether the Government have considered this offer; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). In view of the economic sanctions imposed on Iraq under the Security Council Resolution 661, it is not possible to import oil from Iraq.

### **Digital Telephone Exchange in Kohima**

186. SHRI SHIKIHO SEMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction of the building for installation of a Digital Telephone Exchange in Kohima has been completed;

(b) if so, when the Digital Telephone Exchange is likely to start functioning; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in completing construction of the building?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Yes, Sir. New Telephone

Exchange Building at Kohima has been completed.

(b) There is no proposal to instal a digital telephone exchange at Kohima; however, an electroinc telephone exchange is planned to be commisioned in Kohima in 8th Five Year Plan.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

### **Speed Post Service In Kohima and Dimapur districts of Nagaland**

187. SHRI SHIKIHO SEMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Speed Post service is operative in the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur and Nagaland;

(b) if so, the names of the centres in the above States from where the Speed Post service is operative; and

(c) when the Speed Post service is likely to be made opertive in the Kohima and Dimapur Districts of Nagaland?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Yes, Sir. Speed Post Service in Assam, Meghalaya and Manipur is available. Point to point Speed Post Service in Nagaland will be available from 1.1.91.

(b) Guwahati and Silchar in Assam, Shillong in Meghalaya and Imphal in Manipur.

(c) Kohima, Dimapur, Guwahati and Shilling will be inter-linked with each other from 1.1.91.