

- iii) Badarpur - Haikandi : 60 Channel UHF
- iv) Silchar - Haflong : 60 Channel UHF
- v) Lala - Haikandi : 120 Channel UHF
- vi) Lakhipur - Silchar : 30 Channel UHF
- vii) Silchar - Kumbhirgram : 120 Channel UHF

Installation work is going on the following Microwave and UHF schemes to provide further improve the telecom services in the area :

- i) Shillong - Silchar : 140 M bits M/W
- ii) Umrangshu - Thanganship Tilla : 30 Channel UHF
- iii) Udharbond - Silchar : 30 Channel UHF
- (d) Does not arise.

LPG Agencies in Goa

3815. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of LPG Agencies in Goa and total number of LPG connections as on 30.9.95 alongwith waitlisted persons and total number of cylinders consumed per month;

(b) the number of LPG agencies and petrol retail outlets added during the last 3 years; and

(c) the total number of new LPG agencies and gas connections proposed to be given as per marketing plan for the current year and next year location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) As on 1.10.1995, there were 30 LPG distributorships in Goa with a customer population of 1.46 lakhs and waiting list of 57000. The monthly average consumption of LPG in Goa is about 1 lakh cylinders.

(b) 2 retail outlet dealerships and 2 LPG distributorships were commissioned in Goa during the last three years.

(c) In the LPG Marketing Plan 1994-96, 14 LPG distributorships have been included for Goa at the following locations:

Consualim	Old Goa
Curchoren	Panaji (2)
Curtarim	Pernem
Loutuim	Varca
Mapusa	Vasco
Marcel	
Margao	
Mormugoa	

LPG connections are released to a distributor as per its entitlement decided by the company keeping in view the product availability and the operating level of the distributor. However, new distributors are normally given 1,000 LPG connections during the first year of their operation.

[Translation]

Agreement Among Star TV

3816. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :

SHRI MAHESH KANODIA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any agreement has been signed recently among Star TV, Indian Hockey Federation and International Management Group;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the date by which the above agreement is likely to be enforced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) to (c) The Indian Hockey Federation, through an agreement signed on 31st May, 1995, appointed International Merchandising Corporation, USA as the sole and exclusive representative of IHF for exploitation of television, broadcasting, sponsorship and commercial rights of all the sports events organised, sanctioned or controlled by it. In consideration of the exploitation of the rights by IMC, IHF will pay to IMC a commission equal to 30% of all rights income.

[English]

Productivity in Underground Mines

3817. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the productivity in underground mines has been more or less static during last thirteen years;

(b) if so, reasons for low productivity in coal mines; and

(c) steps being taken or proposed to be taken to improve productivity in underground mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) The productivity in underground coal mines has been more or less static in Coal India Ltd. during last 13 years. Main reasons for low productivity in Indian underground mines are as under :-