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Rajasthan	73	89	126
Haryana	146	142	208
Punjab	101	145	199
Jammu Kashmir	278	250	340
Himachal Pradesh	330	345	386
Delhi	450	443	731

*Refer to approved outlay as actual expenditure figures are not available.

(d) and (e). The Government of Uttar Pradesh has spent least expenditure on Social services. The expenditure on different heads of development depends on over all position of resource availability as well as priority attached to them.

Telephones Bills

862. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any increase in the outstanding telephone bills during the year 1994-95 as compared to the last three years ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have been taken or propose to take any action to recover the outstanding amount; and

(d) the number of cases still under litigation and the total amount involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The increase in outstanding amount of telephone bills during 1994-95 as compared to that of last three years is as under :

Year	Amount O/S. as on 31 March of the year.	Amount Increase O/S on 31.3.1995	
(Fig in Crores of Rs.)			
1991-92	663	1379	716
1992-93	906	1379	473
1993-94	1158	1379	221

(c) The issue of bills and recovery thereof is a continuous process and there are well laid procedures for recovery of outstanding telephone bills. Efforts are made to settle the billing disputed/Courts cases quickly. For other cases recovery is pursued by correspondence/personal visits and local action.

(d) The information is furnished below:

No. of cases under iitigation as on 28.2.95 36079

Amount involved Rs.6858.1 lakhs

[English]

Oil and Natural Gas Reserves

863. SHRI HARILAL NANJI PATEL :

SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a huge quantity of natural gas and oil has been found in Jamnagar District of Saurashtra region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts made or proposed to be made by the Government to tap the oil resources there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) The area has been covered by various geoscientific surveys. A parametric well Lodhika-1 was drilled near Rajkot to a target depth of 3501 m and abandoned since there was no zone of hydrocarbon interest in Mesozoic sediments Presently integrated Geophysical survey is being carried out in this area.

In addition, under the various exploration rounds Government of India have offered two blocks viz. GK-ON-90/1 and GS-ON/1 covering parts of Jamnagar district for exploration be private companies but no contracts have been awarded.

Investment by ECI of Israel in Telecom Sector

864. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the ECI telecom off Israel propose to invest in the telecom sector:

(b) if so the specific areas identified and the total investments likely to be made;

(c) whether the Government have since permitted foreign companies to invest to enter into joint ventures in the Telecom sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b). No