

(d) the offers which are considered to be acceptable to the Oil and Natural Gas Commission; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Telegraph Offices in Orissa

4859. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of telegraph offices at present functioning in Orissa;

(b) whether Government of Orissa have approached Union Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) At present, there are 925 Combined P & T offices and 16 Departmental Telegraph Offices functioning in Orissa.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Govt. of Orissa have approached G.M. Telecom. Bhubaneswar for opening of a number of Combined P & T offices in Grampanchayat Head Quarters and other places namely Samal Barrage and Kaniha in Dhenkanal District, Sarsara, Tora, Bardol, Jharbandh, Bujepur, Loumunda, Saipali, Gaisilate, Kundakhai, Deograph Town, Naktiduel, Batgaon, Kisnda and all Grampanchayat Headquarters of Jharsuguda in Sambalpur District and Padmapur, Jamukhadi, DA, Markona Maitpaur in Balasore District.

Technical feasibility and Economic viability are being examined for further action.

[Translation]

L.P.G. Connections in Rural Areas of Bihar

4860. PROF. CHANDRA BHANU DEVI: Will the Minister of PETRO-

LEUM be pleased to state the details of arrangements made for providing L.P.G. connections to the people in rural areas in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): Barring rural areas which are contiguous to and on the periphery of cities/towns where LPG is being marketed, no specific location in rural areas have yet been covered by the Oil Industry for opening LPG distributorships. However, small towns with a population of 20,000 and more offering sufficient marketing potential for an economically viable dealership, are being covered by the Oil Industry for opening LPG distributorships in a phased manner, in various States including Bihar.

Letters of Intent issued for 'No Industry Districts' of Bihar

4861. PROF. CHANDRA BHANU DEVI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of letters of intent issued during the last year for setting up of medium and large scale industries in 'No Industry districts' of Bihar; and

(b) the number of applications for setting up of such industries in these districts of Bihar which are under consideration and the time by which a decision is likely to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIEF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Between January 1, 1984 and March 31, 1985, 5 letters of intent were granted under the provisions of Industries (Development & Regulation) Act for setting up industries in 'No-Industry Districts' of Bihar.

(b) industrial licence application for setting up of an industrial unit in a 'No-Industry District' of Bihar is presently under consideration. It is constant endeavour of the Government to dispose of ig-

ustrial licence applications as expeditiously as possible.

[English]

Setting up of more Cement Plants in District Gulbarga, Karnataka

4862. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Cement Plants at present in District Gulbarga Karnataka; and

(b) whether Government propose to set up more cement plants in that District ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b) There are at present 5 cement plants in production in District Gulbarga. In addition approvals by way of industrial licences/letter of intent/registration with Directorate General of Technical Development have been accorded in respect of 23 parties for expansion/setting up of cement plants in that District, which includes expansion of the existing unit of Cement Corporation of India at Kurkunta.

Overhauling of Fertilizer Plants at Trombay (Bombay)

4863. SHRI D.B. PATIL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd. management ordered complete overhaul of its plant at Trombay (Bombay) in March, 1985;

whether such type of plants require regular over-hauling within certain duration; and

(c) if so, when this plant was due for regular over-hauling ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND

COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) The annual turn around and overhauling of compressors of Trombay V Ammonia Plant were taken up and completed in March, '85. Annual turn around maintenance of Ammonia Plant—I, Urea Plant—I, Suphala Plant and Sulphuric Acid Plant was taken in April 1985. This is expected to be completed by end of April 1985. In case of other plants annual turn around maintenance will be taken depending on plant conditions and opportunities available.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) These plants require turn around maintenance every year or every two years and these are normally planned during the commencement of each financial year namely in the months of April/May.

[Translation]

Shifting of Office of Controller of Defence Accounts, Patna

4864. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to shift the office of the Controller of Defence Accounts, Patna to some other place ;

(b) if so, whether it will not be contrary to the written assurances given by the former Finance Minister;

(c) whether there is great discontentment and resentment among the employees working there as a result of this policy of Government ;

(d) whether the Unions of the employees working there have submitted any memorandum to him in protest against this move ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.