

equally and if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) if not, the action taken by Government in this regard and the criterion laid down for the year 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) During 1984-85 LDPE and PP produced by Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL) was distributed to 334 and 213 customers respectively in Delhi. Due to long list of customers only the profile of such customers is given as under :

	LDPE	PP
upto 1 tonne/ month	178	96
Between 1 and 5 tonnes/month	124	104
Between 5 and 10 tonnes/month	25	13
Above 10 tonnes/ month	7	nil

(b) As the demand of both LDPE and PP far exceeds the indigenous supplies, the import of these materials has been allowed under OGL for actual users.

(c) The raw material is distributed based on past off-take for the last two years to actual user and not to distributors. The distributors act only as stockists to service the customers.

(d) No change in criteria for distribution is contemplated at present for 1985-86.

[English]

New Bombay Telephone

2132. SHRI S. G. GHOLAP : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Thana is a part of Bombay Exchange but the new Bombay is not; if so, the reasons thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that New Bombay has no facility of STD or direct call to Bombay;

(c) if so, when it is likely to be available; and

(d) the proposal to improve the exchange ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) New Bombay has not been included in Bombay Telephone System as it does not form part of Greater Bombay Municipal Corporation. However, the area under Thana Municipality has been included in Bombay Telephone System due to geographical and historical reasons.

(b) No Sir. Two out of five existing exchanges in New Bombay are likely to be provided with STD facilities to Bombay and some other stations.

(c) The remaining exchanges of New Bombay are likely to be provided with STD facilities to Bombay and some other stations during 7th Five Year Plan.

(d) New crossbar and electronic exchanges have been planned for this area at Turbhe, Belapur, Kalamboli and Panvel during the 7th Five Year Plan which will replace the existing exchanges. A trunk and special services centre at Turbhe has also been planned.

Working of Telephones

2133. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK :
SHRI SOMNATH RATH :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the seasonal rains disturb the telephone lines and telephones in large numbers go out of order in most of the cities and towns;

(b) whether because of rains and storms, the trunk lines also go out of order and this problem has been causing inconvenience year after year; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take to overcome these difficulties ?

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

(b) Heavy rains and storms do affect the open wire trunk lines.

(c) Following steps are being taken to over-come the difficulties caused by rains and storms :—

- (i) Pressurisation of cables which enable detection of faults even during dry season and its rectification.
- (ii) Use of jelly filled cables which are more tolerant to ingress of moisture.
- (iii) patrolling of cable routes to identify likely damages.
- (iv) Laying of main cables in ducts to protect them from external damage.
- (v) Provision of high grade inter-exchange circuits on Pulse Code Modulation, coaxial and microwave media to provide better quality and more dependable service.
- (vi) The open wire trunk lines are replaced by reliable media, e. g., UHF, Microwave and coaxial systems wherever it is technically feasible and financially viable.

Conservation of Petroleum Products

2134. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether special efforts are planned for conserving petroleum products;

(b) if so, the value of petroleum products expected to be saved during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quantum of petroleum products expected to be saved during the Seventh Five Year Plan period is estimated at about 2.18 million tonnes valued at around Rs. 650 crores, based on current prices.

(c) Conservation activities proposed to be taken up during the Seventh Five Year Plan include intensification of education campaign to popularise fuel efficient cooking appliances, and other equipment, setting up of model depots in the State Road Transport Corporations, organising Driver Training Clinics, advancing loans for conversion to fuel efficient systems, promoting use of re-refined lubricants, and long life lubricants and greases etc.

Stationing of Krishna-Godavari field parties

2135. SHRI VIJAYA KUMAR RAJU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Krishna-Godavari field parties are not stationed near the exploration field;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the necessary steps proposed to be taken in the matter ?

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

(b) and (c) Do not arise.