

Bishnupur, Jaguli, Naldah, Maju and Dhananjaypur.

(c) At present, ONGC is drilling a well Bodra-2 at Bodra. The wells Maju-2 and Dhananjaypur-1 are under testing.

Construction of Head Post Office Building at Rourkela

2234. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Rourkela Steel Plant has given land to the Orissa postal circle for construction of a Head Post Office there;

(b) if so, the reasons for not constructing the said post office; and

(c) whether Government are considering to make Rourkela a separate postal circle ?

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

(b) Departmental formalities for construction of this Post Office building have commenced. Preliminary drawings are under preparation.

(c) No, Sir.

Jobs for manufacturing shells awarded to Private Sectors

2235. DR. V. VENKATESH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some of the important jobs or items which have so long been manufactured in various Ordnance Factories are now being steadily away to certain private sectors for manufactures;

(b) whether it is a fact that a firm in private sector in Ludhiana has been awarded a job for manufacturing shells; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof and reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Orders for Defence stores are placed on the Civil Sector Industry (both Public and Private Sector) when the inhouse capacities in Ordnance Factories for the product of any particular item is not adequate to meet the project requirements of the Services.

(b) and (c). Orders on several firms, both in the public sector and the private sector, located in different places including a firm in the private sector in Ludhiana, have been placed for supply of various Defence stores including shells. Orders are placed in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

Agreement between TELCO and Honda of Japan to manufacture passenger car

2236. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the TELCO of Tatas have entered into an agreement with the Honda Company of Japan for collaboration to manufacture passenger cars in India by the year 1987:

(b) whether the said company has approached the Government of India for the approval of the said agreement; and

(c) if so, the result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) to (c). No such proposal has been received by the Government.

Laying of gas Pipeline for Bombay High crude to North India

2237. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that State Government of Maharashtra has approached the Union Government to lay the gas pipeline to carry Bombay High crude to North India by the Central Railway line route instead of the proposed Western Railway line;

(b) if so, Whether Government have considered all the aspects of the matter; and

(c) if so, the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Government of Maharashtra had suggested that the gas pipeline be taken along the Central Railway route, i. e., Surat, Bhusawal, Itarsi, Bhopal and then to Jagdishpur.

(b) and (c). This was considered by the Government and found to be more expensive than the alternative alignment of routing the pipeline through Madhya Pradesh to Rajasthan and Utter Pradesh.

Tenders for Onshore drilling Contracts

2238. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has recently invited tenders for the award of deep onshore drilling contracts;

(b) if so, the response thereto; and

(c) whether the bids have been finalised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Yes Sir. The Oil and Natural Gas Commission has invited two tenders, one for the charter hire of four 6000 mts. drilling rigs and the second for the charter hire of two 3500 mts drilling rigs from Indian entrepreneurs.

(b) Quotation were received from 15 firms in the first tender and 13 firms in the second tender.

(c) No Sir.

S. T. D. facility to Buldana District in Maharashtra

2239. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to connect all the districts in the country by S. T. D. ;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to provide S. T. D. facility to the far flung and backward areas on priority;

(c) if so, whether Buldana district in Maharashtra is included in such a scheme; and

(d) if so, the time by which this facility will materialise there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Linking all District Headquarters to respective State Capitals in the country is a plan priority.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. For Buldana district in Maharashtra the District Headquarter of Buldana is proposed to be linked to Bombay by STD during the 7th plan period.

Integrated Telecommunication Network Programme

2241. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question NO. 1888 on 20th July, 1982 regarding Integrated Telecommunication Network Programme and state :

(a) the progress made so far as in the expansion and development of the integrated programme; and