

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) Such demands were made from some States, including Maharashtra, for setting up gas-based fertilizer projects.

(b) and (c). Locations of fertilizer plants are based on techno-economic factors which, inter-alia include demand of fertilizers, availability of feed-stock, infrastructure facilities and other relevant considerations like impact on environment. Based on these considerations, fertilizer plants, using Bombay High Gas, have been located/are to be set up at Thal (Maharashtra), Hazira (Gujarat), Guna (M.P.), Aonla, Jagdishpur, Babrala and Shahjahanpur (all U.P.) and Sawai Madhopur (Rajasthan). A gas-cracker complex is also proposed to be set up in Raigad District of Maharashtra.

L.P.G. agencies in Nagpur

2254. **SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of LPG agencies of different petroleum companies presently functioning in Nagpur (Maharashtra);

(b) whether there is a proposal to open more LPG agencies in Nagpur during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) Keeping in view the shortage of LPG in Nagpur, when the proposed agencies will start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) 21 LPG distributorships of different oil companies are functioning in Nagpur.

(b) to (d). It is proposed to open 8 more LPG distributorships in Nagpur under the Oil Industry's Marketing Plans upto 1985-86. Out of these 8 distributorships, 6 are likely to be commissioned during 1985-86.

Recommendations of the Sarin Committee on Telecommunications

2255. **SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some of the recommendations of the Sarin Committee on telecommunications are still to be implemented;

(b) whether Government have accepted these pending recommendations in principle;

(c) if so, what is holding up the implementation of the recommendations; and

(d) the details of the pending recommendations ?

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

(b) 378 out of 437 recommendations of the Committee have been accepted in principle.

(c) The accepted recommendations have either been implemented or are in the process of implementation.

(d) The recommendations which are yet to be rejected/accepted pertain to formation of Zonal set up in the field, splitting of ITI, Integration of Telegraph traffic and Engineering divisions and conversion of Combined Offices into Departmental Telegraph Offices.

[Translation]

Government quarters to P & T Staff in Varanasi division of U.P.

2256. **SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no Government quarters available

for the Post and Telegraph staff working in Varanasi Division of U.P.;

(b) If so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the facility of Government quarters will be provided to them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir. 155 staff quarters exist in Varanasi Division.

(b) Does not arise in view of 'A' above.

(c) Does not arise.

Shortage of Inland letter cards and envelopes in Post offices of Azamgarh District, U. P.

2257. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that inland letter cards, post cards and envelopes etc. are not available in the post offices in rural areas of district Azamgarh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to improve the position ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (c). There have been no reports regarding shortage of Inland letters, cards, Post Cards and embossed envelopes in post offices in rural areas of Azamgarh District. There may, however, be some isolated cases of temporary shortages of some items in some offices due to distributional difficulties. These have been taken care of and Post Master General, UP Circle has been instructed to ensure

satisfactory supply of various items of postal stationery to all the offices.

Confirmation of daily wage workers in Delhi Telecommunications

2258. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the daily wage workers in Delhi Telecommunications have not been confirmed even after continuous employment of seven to eight years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which Government is likely to confirm them ?

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

(b) Approximately 5,000 casual mazdoors are working on date.

(c) Out of (b) above, a total of about 700 casual mazdoors are being considered for regular absorption against the regular vacancies in cadre of regular mazdoor, Peons, Lineman, Wireman, Gateman/Chowkidar etc. in 1984 recruitment. The others will be absorbed as and when the vacancies come up in future.

Opening of Post Office at Karkhia-Rustam Sarai Village, District Azamgarh, U.P.

2259. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) when approval was given to open a post office at Karkhia-Rustam Sarai Village, District Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the action being taken by Government to open this post office; and

(c) how long will the local people have to wait for it ?