

rated exploration for oil and gas in mutually agreed areas in Cambay and Cauvery basins by using their own equipment and experts.

Actual delineation of the areas and the work programme to be undertaken are to be decided by mutual discussions for which a Soviet team would come in August/September 1985.

Introduction of computers in ONGC

142. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GAD-AKH PATIL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Commission have decided to a phased introduction of computers in its various fields of operation ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

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

(b) For scientific applications, one large computer system is to be installed at KDMIPE, Dehra Dun and five 32 bit main-frame computers are planned to be installed for regional headquarters, one each at Bombay, Baroda, Madras, Calcutta and Nazira.

A number of mini (16 bit) & micro (8 bit) computers for business (technical and commercial) applications are also proposed to be installed during the seventh five year plan period.

Shortage of Caprolactum and DMT

143. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GAD-AKH PATIL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether nylon and polyester industries are facing acute shortage of caprolactum and DMT ; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to meet the shortage ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) and (b). At present the indigenous production of caprolactam and DMT is not adequate to meet the requirements of nylon and

polyester industries respectively. The deficit is being met through imports.

Losses in I.D.P.L. and H.A.L.

144. SHRI ANAND PATHAK :

SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. and Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd. are running in losses ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a party is being supplied Penicillin G 1st crystals below the cost of production ;

(c) if so, the price and quantity supplied to this party by them during the last one year ; and

(d) the net contribution on account of this towards mounting losses of the public sector units ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development in Postal and Telecommunication net work in Andhra Pradesh

145. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposals for much needed improvements in proper development of postal and telecommunication net work in Andhra Pradesh have been included in the Seventh Plan period ; and

(b) if so, the details of such proposals ?

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

(b) Plan proposals for 7th Five Year Plan for the postal department include opening of 12,000 post offices in the country including Andhra Pradesh. Planning Commission's approval of the plan proposals is yet to be finalised. The proposals are subject to modification based on the outlay