

SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) to (c). No areas in West Bengal, Himalayan Foothills and Dhansiri Valley have been offered for drilling to the Soviet Union. However, in pursuance of the Working Programme agreed between the two countries, Soviet experts will drill a location Cheri in Himalayan Foothills for geological prospecting. The drilling has not yet commenced.

**ISI marking on LPG stoves and inspection by gas agencies**

4782. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any rule of inspection of gas stove, if not purchased from L.P.G. agency, in case of release of new L.P.G. connection;

(b) whether it is a fact that LPG Agencies/Dealers as well as concerned officials of Indian Oil Corporation can compel consumers and charge some extra gratification without any receipt for getting the stove inspected in spite of production of an I.S.I. marked stove's receipt;

(c) if so, the reasons for not mentioning such clauses in the allotment letter to the consumers for new LPG connection;

(d) if not, the number of complaints received by the LPG Companies or by Government during the period from 1.10.1985 to 28.2.1986; and

(e) the action taken against the dealers/agencies involved in such type of complaints ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). No, Sir. The distributors are authorised to charge a testing fee of Rs. 10/- only in such cases; and are expected to issue a receipt for this recovery from the consumer.

(d) The oil industry does not maintain a separate record of the complaints pertaining to the inspection of gas stoves.

(e) All specific complaints are investigated and action is taken against the erring distributors under the Market Discipline Guidelines.

[*Translation*]

**LPG based production units**

4783. SHRI MANVENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up LPG based power production units keeping in view the shortage of electricity in the country;

(b) if so, the number thereof and the names of the places where these will be set up along with their, capacity and the time by which these will be set up; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up such a power generation unit in Mathura also ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

**Autonomy to public sector undertakings in their financial policy matters**

4784. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to grant full autonomy to various public sector undertakings in their financial policy matters and their day to day functioning;

(b) whether opinion of different administrative Ministries has been sought in this connection; and

(c) if so, whether they have also approved this proposal ?