

**Setting up of Public Sector Industrial Projects in Konkan (Maharashtra)**

1401. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the backward Konkan region of Maharashtra needs for its development setting up of public sector industrial projects by the Union Government in the interest of correcting the regional imbalances; and

(b) if so, the details of the concrete plans of the Union Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :

(a) Decisions regarding location of Central Public Enterprises are taken on broad techno-economic considerations. Subject to this, comparatively backward regions are given preference in the location of Central Projects.

(b) As the location of industrial projects is decided on techno-economic feasibilities, it cannot be pre-determined on state-wise basis.

**Priority for Ordinary Telephone Connections**

1402. Dr. CHINTA MOHAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether Government propose to give priority to giving ordinary telephone connections before providing Radio Telephone and paying services etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : No Sir, provision of telephone connections is not adversely affected by the mobile radio telephone and radio paging services. These services are provided on a separate radio system and there is a separate waiting list of applicants for the mobile radio telephones and radio paging service.

**Introduction of cordless telephones**

1403. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have since introduced the scheme of cordless telephones in vehicles in the country; and

(b) if so, how much initial amount and monthly rent will be charged by Government,

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Mobile radio telephone service has been introduced in Delhi for the first time in the country. These telephones are installed in the vehicle of the subscriber.

(b) The demand for a mobile radio telephone can be registered by making an advance deposit of Rs. 1000/-. When the connection is provided, security deposit of Rs. 40,000 for the trans-receiver installed in the car and rental of Rs. 2000 per month is charged.

**Removal of bottlenecks in oil exploration**

1404. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the steps to be taken for removing the bottlenecks in the way of the accelerated oil exploration programme;

(b) whether there has been a considerable delay in oil exploration programme;

(c) whether it is a fact that serious slip-pages have occurred in acquisition of capital equipment by the premier exploration agencies; and

(d) if so, the extent to which these steps will help and improve the exploration programme during 1986-87 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) The steps include