

**Installation of Micro-Wave Satellite
Link Stations in North Eastern Region**

5820. SHRI SUDARSAN DAS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal for installation of some micro-wave satellite link stations in the North Eastern Region ; and

(b) if so, the proposed sites for installation of such stations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Five Microwave stations are proposed in North Eastern Region. In addition, there are proposals for setting up of 30 satellite Earth Stations also in the North East Region.

(b) The microwave stations will be located at Goalpara and Bongaigaon, linking them to Gauhati, at Sibsagar and North Lakhimpur linking them to Jorhat, at Aizwal linking to Silchar. As regards the satellite Earth Stations are concerned, 4 are proposed in Arunachal Pradesh at Zero, Seppa, Anini and Daparezo and for the remaining 26 Satellite Earth stations, actual locations are under finalisation.

Manufacture of small and low cost tractors

5821. SHRI N. DENNIS :
SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to manufacture small and low cost tractors that will be most useful to be farmers considering the different kinds of soil in certain States ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) by when the same is likely to be accomplished ?

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

(a) to (c) Full flexibility has been granted to existing manufacturers to diversify their product range to include tractors, power tillers and agriculture machinery of various sizes. In addition, excise exemption has been given to tractors upto 25 DBHP for benefit of small farmers.

**Introduction of Retention pricing for oil
Refineries**

5822. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH
PATIL :

DR. B.L. SHAILESH :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a new system of retention pricing for oil refineries ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) its effect on the refineries and the consumer ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) : Does not arise.

Feasibility of Underground Oil Storage

5823. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH
PATIL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the feasibility of underground storage of oil as prevalent in other countries has been examined ; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter ?