

**Setting up of Aromatic Plant at Bombay Refinery by Bharat Petroleum Corporation**

1078. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bharat Petroleum Corporation has decided to set up an aromatic plant at the Bombay Refinery with an investment of around Rs. 400 crores; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider shifting the project outside Bombay to any other backward district of Maharashtra considering the environmental problems in Bombay, particularly in Chembur-Trombay region where the refinery is situated ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) :

(a) and (b). A project for production of aromatics is already under operation at the refinery site of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL) in Bombay. BPCL have also submitted for Government approval a proposal for optimisation of production of aromatics.

**Survey regarding Petroleum and Natural Gas Resources in Arabian Sea**

1079. SHRI G. DEVARAYA NAIK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to find out petroleum and natural gas resources in Arabian Sea towards South; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. In Kerala-Konkan-Lakshdweep basin the following surveys have been conducted so far :

Seismic Surveys — 45000 LKM

Magnetic Survey — 39400 LKM

Gravity Survey — 22800 LKM

[*Translation*]

**Allotment of Petrol Pumps to Harijans and Adivasis in Chambal, Madhya Pradesh**

1080. SHRI KAMMODI LAL JATAV : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of petrol pumps allotted to Scheduled Castes and Adivasis in Chambal Division of Madhya Pradesh during 1980 to 1985; and

(b) whether the quota of Scheduled Castes and Adivasis is being further enhanced and if so, by what time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) Two retail outlets have been allotted under the SC/ST category in Chambal Division of Madhya Pradesh between 1980 and 1985.

(b) The prescribed reservation of 25% in respect of SC/ST is being continued.

**Telephone and Telegraph Services in Azamgarh**

1081. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether communication facilities in Azamgarh, Gorakhpur, Basti, Deoria, Jaunpur and Ghazipur district of Uttar Pradesh are inadequate;

(b) whether despite the sound of buzzer, no response to calls made from any corner of Azamgarh is evoked from the main Telephone Exchange of Azamgarh; and

(c) the steps being taken or being contemplated by the Government to improve the telephone and telegraph services in Azamgarh ?