

[English]

Setting up of Petrol Pumps and LPG Agencies in Cuttack, Orissa

1089. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places in Cuttack district and particularly in Jajpur Sub-division where LPG agencies have so far been set up;

(b) the details of the places where LPG agencies and petrol pumps are proposed to be set up in the above district during 1989 and 1990 and by which oil companies; and

(c) if no petrol pump or LPG agency is proposed to set up, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS SHRI BRAHMA DUTT: (a) The locations in Cuttack district including Jajpur Sub-division where LPG distributorships have been set up are as follows:

1. Cuttack City
2. Paradeep
3. Kendrapara
4. Jajpur Road (Jajpur Sub-division)

(b) Upto the Oil Industry's Annual Retail Marketing Plan 1987-88, following retail outlet dealerships are proposed to be set up:

<i>Location</i>	<i>Company</i>
1	2
1. Paradeep II	BPC
2. Khukhia	BPC

1	2
3. Chandikhole	BPC
4. Paradeep	IBP
5. Cuttack town	IOC
6. Kendrapara	IOC
7. Paradeep	IOC
8. Paradeep Phosphates	IOC

Upto the Oil Industry's Annual LPG Marketing Plan 1988-89, the following LPG distributorships are proposed to be set up:

<i>Location</i>	<i>Company</i>
1	2
1. Jagatsinghpur	IOC
2. Cuttack	HPC

However, in view of the various steps preceding the commissioning of distributorship, it is not possible to indicate how many of these will be commissioned during the years 1989 and 1990.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

[Translation]

TV Transmitters in Rajasthan

1090. SHRI SHANKARLAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up TV transmitters at various places in Rajasthan during the current year;

(b) if so, the names of places and the basis of their selection;

(c) whether a TV transmitter is also being set up in "Bali" sub-division of Pali district in Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the time by which TV transmitters are likely to be set up at all the proposed sites in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI K.K. TEWARI): (a) and (b). Six low power (100 W) TV transmitters, one each at Jhunjhunu, Churu, sikar, Jhalawar, Sawaimadhopur and Jalore have been commissioned into service so far during the current year in Rajasthan. Seven more such transmitters, one each at Anupgarh, Beawar, Bundi, Deeg, Hanumangarh, Sardarshahar and Tonk and a TV Transposer at Lalsot are expected to be commissioned into service in the State during the remaining part of the current year (1989). The selection of places for establishment of TV transmitters is done keeping in view such factors as the need to extend optimum coverage in the area with due priority to rural, hilly, backward, tribal, remote, sensitive and border areas; signals available from adjoining TV transmitters and the availability of infrastructural facilities at various places.

(c) No, Sir.



(d) Besides the above mentioned TV transmitters, 4 high power TV transmitters, one each at Anupgarh, Barmer, Bundi and Jaisalmer are envisaged to be set up in Rajasthan. These are long-gestation projects. Whereas the high power transmitter at Jundi is expected to be commissioned into service during 1991, the remaining three high power transmitters would be commissioned during 1992-93.

Prices of Tyres

1091. SHRI KAMLAPRASADRAWAT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether several organisations have requested Government to take immediate steps to bring down the prices of tyres manufactured in the country to a reasonable level; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no statutory control over the prices of tyres. However, Government have placed specified categories of truck and bus tyres under O.G.L. at a reduced rate of duty for import by bulk consumers in order to keep a check on prices of tyres. In addition, Government have liberally allowed fresh capacity for the manufacturer of tyres through various policy measures, in order to allow market forces to have free play. As part of this, the tyre industry has recently been delicensed. Government have also ensured maximisation of tyre production through continuous monitoring and regular interaction with the tyre industry. This has led to a substantial increase in production of bus and truck tyres in 1988 viz. 48.7 lakhs as compared to 39.4 lakhs in 1987.

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Hiring of Rigs

1092. SHRI G. BHOOPATHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest developments in the off-shore and on-shore drilling of oil in the country;

(b) the number of foreign rigs in operation at present and from where they have