

PANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The major problems of the paper industry relate to increasing investment requirements, dwindling raw material supply, escalating input cost, availability of essential inputs such as, coal and power, and modernisation and renovation.

(c) As against the target of installed capacity and production of 20.50 lakh tonnes and 15.00 lakh tonnes respectively, the capacity installed by 1984-85 amounted to 24 lakh tonnes and production achieved was 13.61 lakh tonnes (estimated).

(d) The problems of the Paper Industry are kept in view by the Industry, Government, Financial Institutions and other concerned agencies, while formulating appropriate remedial measures. Some of the units have taken up modernisation and technological upgradation with a view to achieve increased economic usage of raw materials, higher yield, reduction in energy consumption, improvement of quality, pollution control and prevention of obsolescence. A package of fiscal reliefs, by way of excise concessions, and reduction/waiver of customs duty for imported raw materials has been extended to the paper industry. Infrastructural support has also been improved by increasing allocation of coal to the industry.

[Translation]

Lok Adalat Programme in Gujarat

1119. SHRI CHHITU BHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Lok Adalat Programme organised by the Gujarat High Court in Gujarat has been very effective; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI A.K. SEN) : (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by the Committee for implementing Legal Aid Schemes constituted by Government Lok Adalat Programme in Gujarat is being organised by the State Legal Aid and Advice Board and not by the High Court.

From March, 1982 to 22nd June, 1985, the Board has held 92 Lok Adalats 23, 578 cases were dealt with of which 13, 981 were disposed of or compromised and advice was given in 1,667 cases.

[English]

Tenders for Laying Gas Pipeline from Bombay High

1120. SHRI R.P. GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether global tenders were invited for laying of gas pipeline from Bombay High to places in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh for the proposed Fertilizer projects;

(b) if so, whether the tenders have been finalised;

(c) the details of companies and the estimated work of laying the gas pipeline; and

(d) when the work is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (d). Yes, Sir, The last date for receipt of tenders is 27th August, 1985. Orders are expected to be placed by the end of December, 1985. The project is scheduled to be completed in all respects by July, 1989.

[Translation]

Functioning of Kakamaon Telephone Exchange

1121. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for which the Telephone exchange, Kakamaon (Allahabad) in Uttar Pradesh, is not functioning smoothly;

(b) whether Government have received complaints in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon to ensure proper working of this exchange ?