

[Translation]

Opening of Public Call Offices in Chonaliya and Soni, District at Almora

1169. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has received representations from people's representatives for opening Public Call Offices in Chonaliya and Soni (District Almora) in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Public Call offices will be opened at these places during the year 1985-86; and

(c) if not, the time by which Public Call Offices are likely to be opened at these places ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The places Chonaliya and Soni in District Almora do not qualify for provision of telecommunication facilities on subsidized basis. The facility can however be provided on rent and guarantee basis if some interested party or the State Government agrees to indemnify the Department against the anticipated loss.

Setting up of Petrol Pump at Lohaghat, U. P.

1170. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has since taken a decision to set up a petrol pump at Lohaghat (U.P.); and

(b) if so, the time by which this petrol pump would be made available for public use ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The letter of intent has been issued to the selected dealer on 19.6.85. Efforts are being made to commission the dealership at the earliest after completing requisite formalities.

Construction of Motor Road from Tavaghat to Zipti in Dharchula (Uttar Pradesh)

1171. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has received any representation from the representatives of the people for getting the motor road from Tavaghat to Zipti in border area of Dharchula in Uttar Pradesh constructed by DGBR; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The road from Tanakpur to Tavaghat (about 263 Kms. in length) had been constructed by Border Roads Organisation to Class IX specification (3.66 Metres carriageway). There is no operational requirement for the extension of the road beyond Tavaghat upto Zipti. Hence the works cannot be undertaken from Border Roads Development Board funds.

[English]

Demand of L.P.G. Cylinders

1172. SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) total production of L.P.G. by various sources in the country till date;

(b) whether, there are sufficient number of LPG cylinders to meet the increased demand;

(c) the procedure adopted by the oil companies in general to procure gas cylinders from the manufacturers;

(d) whether it is a fact that the production capacity of the approved gas cylinder manufacturers is not fully utilized;

(e) if so, the reasons thereof; and