

- (i) The automatic equipment for 500 lines to replace the existing manual exchange at Begusarai, allotted against 1983-84 supply programme has not been received so far. The supplies are expected in 1986-87.
- (ii) A further allotment for expansion from 500 to 700 lines has been allotted from the 1985-86 supply programme, so that all the working lines can be transferred to the Automatic Exchange.
- (iii) For the 20 lines Cabinet Type Telex exchange, which is also being installed at Begusarai, only three subscribers have paid the Demand notes so far.
- (iv) The Telex exchange is to be connected to Calcutta for which a VFT system is to be installed. But the existing 8-channel carrier system on which the VFT circuits are to work between Begusarai-Patna is not stable and hence the VFT system could not be commissioned. To work it on the stable media, there is a proposal to drop channels from Patna Katihar Microwave system and to extend them to Begusarai. This is Planned for completion by March, 1986.
- (v) There is no plan to immediately replace the manual exchange at Barauni as there is sufficient capacity available to provide new telephone connections.

[English]

#### Census of Small Scale Industries

4332. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any action has been taken by Government to undertake a census of small scale industries to enable proper planning for this sector in pursuance of the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee in its 14th Report; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

#### Construction of Nathpa Jhakri Project

4333. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3449, dated 13 December, 1983 regarding Nathpa Jhakri Project and state :

(a) the share of Rajasthan in Nathpa Jhakri Power Project;

(b) the progress made in the construction of above project;

(c) whether Government of Himachal Pradesh are putting obstacles in giving Rajasthan its share of power; and

(d) if so, the co-operation proposed to be given by the Union Government to Rajasthan in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) to (d). Investment decision for construction of Nathpa Jhakri Hydro-electric Project in Himachal Pradesh has not been taken so far. Allocation of power can be decided only when the investment decision is made.

#### Oil Struck in Gujarat, Bombay, Maharashtra and Assam Etc.

4334. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that oil and gas has been struck and found in various parts of Gujarat, Bombay, Maharashtra, Assam and some other parts of the country during 1.1.1984 to 18.11.1985;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of quality and quantum of such oil and gas;