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Collect Call System

6181. SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to investigate into the commercial and technological prospects of installing wireless telephones in order to meet the communication requirements of remote areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to introduce "collect call" system in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b). Wireless telephones are already being provided to remote areas in India through terrestrial Radio and Satellite Communication system.

(c) and (d). The collect call facility is already available in the country as "reverse charge trunk calls" wherein a person is authorised by the Department to book trunk calls from any public call office to a specified telephone number without pre-payment of the charges being recoverable from the called subscriber.

Oil Exploration in Arunachal Pradesh

6182. SHRI LAETA UMBREY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether oil exploration work by ONGC is going in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any royalty has been paid to the State Government on crude oil;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. OIL is carrying out exploration for hydrocarbons in Arunachal Pradesh. OIL's exploratory efforts have led to the discovery of hydrocarbon reserves in Kharsang, Kumchai and

Kherem areas in the State. As on 1.1. 1994, OIL has established 31.68 MMT of oil and 7.36 ECM of gas in-place reserves in Arunachal Pradesh.

(c) to (e). The details of royalty (excluding S.T.) paid to Arunachal Pradesh Govt. by OIL during the years 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 are as under:

Year	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
1991-92	136.40
1992-93	266.69
1993-94	291.09
1994-95	190.52

Irrigation Projects

6183. DR. AMRIT LAL KALIDAS PATEL :
SHRI HARIN PATHAK :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCE be pleased to state :

(a) the funds provided by the World Bank and the foreign organisations for implementation of irrigation projects in Gujarat during 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 till date, project-wise;

(b) whether the Government of Gujarat has requested the Union Government to increase the grants for their irrigation schemes;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard; and

(d) the present status of the ongoing irrigation projects in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) A statement is enclosed.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) In Gujarat, two World Bank assisted projects have already been completed. Another Multi-state Project, namely, National Water Management Project in which Gujarat was also a participant, closed on 31st March, 1995. The Sardar Sarovar Project has been disengaged from the World Bank assistance w.e.f. 29th March, 1993 and the project is in progress with indigenous resources.

STATEMENT

S.No.	Name of the Project	Closing Date	Reimbursement			
			1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Sardar Sarover-Water Delivery and Drainage Project	7/92	31.50	-	-	-