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19. Special central Assistance for Tribal Sub Plan			1855.84	2234.77	2291.56
20. Article 275 (1) of the Constitution			356.30	668.25	675.00
21. Additional Special Central Assistance for Tribal			-	-	200.00
<b>SOCIAL DEFENCE</b>					
22. Scheme of Prevention & Control of Juvenile Social Maladjustment			40.63	-	7.93
23. Scheme of Beggary Prevention			8.68	-	-

[English]

#### Capacity of HBJ Pipeline

1885. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have started the work to increase the capacity of HBJ pipeline;

(b) if so, the progress made so far; and

(c) the States in North India which are likely to be benefited by this pipeline and to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Line pipes required for the project have been procured and orders for compressors have been placed. Pipe laying work is in progress.

(c) The upgraded HBJ pipeline will supply gas to new projects in Rajasthan, M.P., U.P., Haryana and Delhi.

#### Price of Money Orders

1886. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to reduce the delivery cost of money orders below Rs.1000/-; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) No, Sir.

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

#### Oil Sector Reforms

1887. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY :

SHRI SULTAN SALLHUDDIN OWAISI :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has castigated the Indian Government for failing to implement reforms in the Hydrocarbon sector;

(b) if so, the main reasons for non-implementation of reforms in the oil sector;

(c) the main objections raised by the World Bank; and

(d) the extent to which the Government have agreed to implement reforms in the oil sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) to (b). No Sir. However, the World Bank has made certain observations on the efforts of Government of India to attract foreign capital in the area of exploration and production of oil and gas. These mainly related to the unattractive contractual terms and the low quality of acreages offered by the Government. The Government has responded to these observations in details and has not agreed with the views expressed by the Bank. It has been pointed out that highly prospective areas have been put on offer during the various rounds of bidding at contractual terms comparable with the other regimes in the world.

#### Post Offices

1888. DR. VASANT NIWRUTTI PAWAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branch/sub-post offices working at present, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up new branch/sub-post offices in the country in the near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) The number of branch post offices and departmental sub-post offices, State-wise functioning as on 31.3.95 is given in the enclosed *statement-1*.

(b) Yes, Sir.