

*[English]***Oil Refinery at Paradeep**

675. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an oil refinery is proposed to be set up at Paradeep with foreign collaboration;

(b) if so, the names of the foreign companies which have entered into agreement;

(c) whether the site for the proposed refinery has been selected;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which construction work is expected to be started; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) to (e) IOC has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) on 16.9.1995 for setting up a 6 MMTPA refinery in Eastern India as a joint-venture project. The exact location of the refinery and the other details including the completion schedule of the proposal refinery project, will be decided based on Detailed Feasibility Report. Government has already accorded stage-I clearance for the project.

*[Translation]***Post and Telegraph Offices in U.P.**

676. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages without Post and Telegraph Offices in Uttar Pradesh till the end of year 1994-95 and till date.

(b) the number of villages in the State having different categories of Post Office and Telegraph Offices; and

(c) the number of Post Office and Telegraph Office proposed to be opened during 1995-96, district-wise and category-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Post Offices :- The number of villages without Post Offices in Uttar Pradesh till the end of year 1994-95 and till date is 94,847.

*Telegraph Offices :-*

There are 1,23,950 villages in Uttar Pradesh. There are 4735 Post and Telegraph Offices in villages. Besides, there are 1239 Post and Telegraph Offices in urban areas which also provide telegraph facility to villages.

(b) *Post Offices :-*

The number of villages in the State having Post Offices and Telegraph Offices of different categories is as under :

Departmental Sub Post Offices 830

Extra Departmental Sub Post Offices 458

Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices 16669

*Telegraph Offices :-*

Combined Post and Telegraph Offices 4735

(c) *Post Offices :-*

It is planned to open 12 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices and 16 Departmental Sub Post Offices under Annual Plan 1995-96, subject to availability of funds.

*Telegraph Offices :-*

No targets have been laid down for providing Telegraph Offices in all villages as the facility is extended on the basis of demand and justification based on volume of traffic. During the year 1995-96 there is a proposal to upgrade the combined Post and Telegraph Offices at three places, namely, Mahoba, Akbarpur and Rudrapur as independent Telegraph Offices.

*[English]***Setting up of LPG Godown**

677. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a LPG godown between Ahmedabad and Bombay on National Highway No. 8 in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any private party has been engaged for this purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the proposed godown is likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

**Restaurant Ransacked in A & N**

678. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that police ransacked an eating restaurant at choldari, south Andaman during Durgapuja, in October, 1995 and forcibly closed the eating place, in Andaman Nicobar Islands;

(b) whether the Administration have received any complaint about it; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM LAL RAHI) : (a) No, Sir.