

by the ONGC in Upper Assam, Nagaland and Cachar :

- (a) Geological Surveys (Party Years) 4  
 (b) Gravity Magnetic Surveys (Party Years) 1  
 (c) Seismic Surveys (Party Years) 12  
 (d) Exploratory drilling  
 (i) Metrage 64610  
 (ii) No. of wells 22

**Construction of new Post and Telegraph Offices in Rajnandgaon (M.P.)**

1779. SHRI SHIVENDRA BAHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for constructing new Post Offices and Telegraph Offices in the district headquarters of Rajnandgaon; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the construction of Post Offices is likely to start ?

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

(b) Not applicable.

**Use of mobile polling booths in Elections**

1780. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether during the February (1985) Assembly elections, mobile polling booths had to be arranged for the voters in the eastern embankment of the Kosi river in Bihar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether mobile polling booths in Bihar were an experiment and more such polling booths are proposed to be arranged in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) to (c). The Election Commissions which has been consulted in the matter has informed that the required information is being collected from the State and that the exercise will take some more time. The information which the Election Commission will make available after completing such exercise will be laid on the Table of the House immediately after receipt of the same.

**Import of Paper and Newsprint**

1781. SHRI AJOY BISWAS : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total demand of paper and newsprint in the country at present; and

(b) the total quantity of paper and newsprint imported during 1982, 1983 and 1984 and the value thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) Demand for paper and paper board by end of 1984-85 is estimated at 15.40 lakh tonnes and that of newsprint during 1984-85 at 3.85 lakh tonnes.

(b) The total quantity of paper and newsprint imported and the value thereof is as follows :

Year	White Printing Paper		Newsprint	
	Qty (MT)	Value (Rs. crores)	Qty (MT)	Value (Rs. crores)
1981-82	43,080	28.01	300,526	154.66
1982-83	5,766	3.74	200,012	108.94
1983-84	3,903	2.17	193,707	99.98
1984-85	Nil	Nil	193,325 (April Dec.)	111.61 (Prov)

Apart from the above, import of small quantity of newsprint and printing under REP and special varieties of paper takes place.

**Drilling in Cachar District of Assam**

1782. SHRI AJOY BISWAS : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of rigs<sup>7</sup> operating in Cachar district of Assam;

(b) the target of drilling fixed by Oil and Natural Gas Commission in Cachar district during 1982, 1983 and 1984;