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[*Translation*]

Registration for DBC

5467. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for which gas consumers, who are already registered are asked to get themselves registered for second cylinder (DBC) in all States ; and

(b) whether Government propose to give second cylinder on payment on the basis of previous registration ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Since all the existing consumers may not like to incur expenditure on a second cylinder, the option has been given to the consumer to get themselves registered.

(b) No, Sir.

[*English*]

Exploration of Ganga Valley to find out Oil Reserves

5468. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision was taken by Government some back to explore parts of the Ganga Valley to find out oil reserves;

(b) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission had earmarked some amount, and directions were also issued regarding the area for the exploration work; and

(c) if so, the details regarding the progress in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) ONGC has been conducting exploration in the Ganga basin and more or less the entire area has been covered by geological and geophysical surveys. On the basis of these surveys seven wells have been drilled but no commercial discoveries have been made so far.

Illegal Possession of M.E.S. Barracks by Civilians

5469. SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of complaints received by his Ministry/Defence Headquarters about the illegal possession of MES barracks by the civilians; and

(d) the details of each complaint and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) and (b). Information is being collected.

[*Translation*]

Telegraphs Service between Khajuwala and Mohangarh in Rajasthan

5470. SHRI MOHAR SINGH RATHORE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether telegraphs service will be made available after every twenty kilometres, between Khajuwala and Mohangarh in Rajasthan, the area irrigated by Indira Canal; and

(b) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). The telephone/Telegraph ser-

vices will become accessible within 5 Kms, to most habitations of the country progressively by 1990 subject to availability of financial resources and material. This policy is also applicable to the area between Khajuwala and Mohangarh in Rajasthan, the area irrigated by Indira Canal.

[English]

Policy for Oil Exploration

5471. SHRI R.M. BHOYE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government regarding the future policy in connection with oil exploration; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b). For the Seventh Plan period, the proposed exploration strategy under consideration, of Government envisages

establishment of additional reserves of oil and gas by discovering new fields onshore and offshore. This will include intensification of exploration in less precisely known geological regions and logistically difficult areas.

Allotment of Bombay High Gas to Maharashtra

5472. SHRI R.M. BHOYE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the details regarding the quantity of Bombay High gas allotted to Maharashtra for its industrial complex;

(b) whether the supply of Bombay High gas to Maharashtra for its industrial complex is adequate; and

(c) if so, the extent of short supply ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) The quantity of Bombay High gas being supplied/committed to industrial units in Maharashtra is indicated below :

(Quantity in million cubic metres per day)

(i)	Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers, Trombay	...	2.20
(ii)	Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers, Thal	...	3.00
(iii)	Deepak Fertilizers & Petrochemicals Limited, Talaja	...	0.30
(iv)	Bharat Electronics Limited, Talaja	...	0.06
(v)	Heavy Water Plant, Thal	...	0.15
(vi)	Maharashtra Gas Cracker Complex, Nagothane	...	0.90

(of C2, C3, fraction)