

(a) whether it is a fact both the India Oil Limited and the Oil and Natural Gas Commission have been asked to get private sector involved in the search for on-shore oil ;

(b) if so, whether India has already received applications from 16 companies with foreign tie-ups for drilling 10 exploration wells in Orissa ;

(c) whether these applications have been finalised ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ;

(e) the time by which these companies will be allowed for oil drilling in India ; and

(f) the conditions imposed on them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) With a view to developing indigenous capabilities, it was decided to encourage Indian companies setting up joint ventures with reputed foreign oil companies, for rendering oil field services on contract basis to ONGC and OIL.

(b) Oil India Limited have invited applications for prequalification from Indian Companies for a turnkey contract for drilling 4 on-shore wells in Orissa. 22 offers have been received.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f). It would not be possible to indicate at this stage by when drilling will commence and the conditions that would be imposed under the contract.

[*Translation*]

Issue of Commemorate Postage Stamp in the Memory of Sant Kanwar Ram

5482. SHRIMATI USHA CHOUHDARI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation to issue a postage stamp to commemorate the memory of Kanwar Ram, an immortal martyr and great saint of Sindhi Community on the occasion of his birth centenary; and

(b) if so, the time by which this stamp is likely to be issued ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Philatelic Advisory Committee functions in the Department to advise the Government about issue of commemorative/special stamps and other philatelic matters. The proposal in respect of Sant Kanwar Ram was placed before the Committee but was not recommended. It is now proposed to place this proposal before the Committee for reconsideration at the next meeting.

[*English*]

#### Quality of Bajaj Scooters

5483. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that day by day the quality of Bajaj Scooters is deteriorating and they are not maintaining the quality standard ; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to maintain the quality control of scooters ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Setting up of Synthetic Rubber Factories

5485. SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be

pleased to state :

(a) the number and location of factories which are manufacturing synthetic rubber in the country and the annual production of synthetic rubber in those factories ;

(b) whether there is any multinational company which is manufacturing synthetic rubber ;

(c) if so, its name ;

(d) whether Government are considering to instal more such factories in the country ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Two units one in Baroda (Gujarat) and another in Bareilly (Uttar Pradesh) are at present manufacturing synthetic rubber. Their production during last three years was approximately as follows :

1982-83	—	30760 tonnes
1983-84	—	32580 tonnes
1984-85	—	38100 tonnes

(b) No multi-national company is manufacturing synthetic rubber in India.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e). Two letters of intents have been issued for setting up plants to manufacture synthetic rubber, one in Maharashtra and another in Uttar Pradesh.

[*Translation*]

Proposed Transfer of the Camping Ground to Town Area Beekapur, Distt. Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh

5486. SHRI NIRMAL KHATRI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the camping ground in Beekapur tehsil in Faizabad District (Uttar Pradesh) belongs to the Defence Ministry;

(b) whether this ground has been lying unutilised for years together; and

(c) whether Government are considering a proposal of the State Government to give it to the Town Area, Beekapur in District Faizabad through the State Government ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE : (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Out of a total area of 30.14 acres an area of 8.04 acres has been transferred to State Government in 1960. Government have not received any request from the State Government for the remaining area.

Setting up of Telegraph Office at Resulabad Bazar in Faizabad District (Uttar Pradesh)

5487. SHRI NIRMAL KHATRI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a telegraph office in Rasulabad Bazar in District Faizabad (Uttar Pradesh); and

(b) the distance from Resulabad Bazar to the place at which a telegraph office is presently located ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) There is no proposal to set up a telegraph office at Rasulabad at present.

(b) The nearest telegraph office from Rasulabad Bazar is located at Pura Bazar,