

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (c). The details regarding the targets and programme for production of crude oil and natural gas by Oil India Ltd. during the Seventh Plan period would be available only after the finalisation of the Seventh Plan.

Issue of Commemorative Postal Stamp of Memory of Shri K.L. Saigal

5498. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have been urged upon to issue a Stamp in memory of Shri K.L. Saigal; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No proposals in this regard appears to have been received by the Government in the recent past.

(b) In view of answer to (a) above, does not arise.

Commissioning of Panambilly Nagar and Palarivattom Exchange under Ernakulam Telephones

5499. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal has been sent to Government to club together the Ernakulam secondary switch area and to bring it under the charge of a General Manager for talking the telecommunication problems of this vital part of Kerala;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(c) the number of applications for telephone connections pending in Ernakulam Telephones; and

(d) the steps taken to commission the Panambilly Nagar Exchange and Palarivattom Exchange under Ernakulam Telephones ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). No such proposal is under consideration at present.

(c) 6664 applications are pending for Telephone connection in Ernakulam Telephone Exchange as on 1.4.1984.

(d) A project estimate for installation of 5000 lines E-10 B Exchange at Panampally Nagar has been sanctioned and the equipment allotted from the proposed second import of Electronic Equipment. Building construction is yet to start. For Palarivattom Exchange the proposal for installation of 6000 lines ICP Cross Bar is being processed. The equipment is included in the supply programme of I.T.I. for 1986-87. Installation will be taken up after building becomes ready.

Candle Industry

5500. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the candle manufacturing units are suffering due to a hike in the price of Paraffin Wax; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Union Government to help this small scale industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) Government have received representations from Candle Manufacturers' Association of