

L. P. G. Connections in 1985-86

2277. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL :
SHRI AMAR SINGH RATHAWA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of L. P. G. gas connections to be provided to customers throughout the country during 1985-86; and

(b) the likely time by which customers can expect gas connections on demand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) 17.50 lakhs.

(b) Release of new LPG connections is envisaged at the rate of not less than 16 lakhs annually in the coming years. An indication as to when across the country new connections will be possible every-where in the country does not seem feasible at this stage.

Linking of Veraval-Una with Microwave System

2278. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL :
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Veraval-Una telephone line in Gujarat is passing through forest area;

(b) whether Government are aware that this line remains out of order for a long time due to cyclones and heavy rains;

(c) whether there is a long standing demand to link Veraval-Una with microwave system; and

(d) if so the action taken by Government in this regard ?

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

(b) Yes, Sir. It gets interrupted during cyclone and heavy rains and action is taken to restore it immediately.

(c) There is a proposal to link Veraval-Una with UHF system.

(d) The scheme is under examination for technical feasibility and financial viability.

[Translation]

Pending Applications for New Telephone Connections in Pali District Rajasthan

2229. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA :
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of applications pending for providing telephone connections in Pali district;

(b) the number of applications out of those pending for more than six months;

(c) the time by which they will be provided telephone connections; and

(d) the reasons for delay in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) 1443 applications are pending for provisions of telephone connections in Pali District (Rajasthan) as on 31.3.1985.

(b) 1275 applications are pending for provision of telephone connections for more than six months.

(c) The present waiting list is likely to be cleared within a year.

(d) The reasons for delay are overall shortage of equipment, cables and other resources.

[English]

Promotion of Assistant Executive Engineers, Assistant Surveyors of Works, etc. in M. E. S.

2280. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA :
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the appointments of Assistant Executive Engineer to Executive Engineer, Assistant Surveyor of Works to Surveyor of Works, Surveyor Assistant Grade I to Asstt. Surveyor of Works, Supdt. B/R and E/M I to Assistant Engineer and Office Superintendent to Administrative Officer in the Military Engineering Service have been made on *ad hoc* basis for the last three years with periodical extensions by Ministry of Defence;