

(e) *Postal*—It is proposed to construct 8 staff quarters in tribal areas during 1985-86.

*Telecom*.—While norms have been prescribed for opening long distances public telephones in tribal areas even on loss basis, no priority is given for telephone exchanges and staff quarters. The telephone exchanges are planned according to the demand of telephones and the staff quarters are constructed subject to availability of land and funds.

#### Statement—I

District	No. of Postal staff quarters
Puri	227
Cuttack	55
Dhenkanal	11
Bolangir	2
Sambalpur	72
Balasore	28
Ganjam	3
Phulbani	5
Koraput	4
Sundargarh	95
Kalahandi	2
Keonjhar	Nil
Mayurbhanj	Nil
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#### Statement—II

*The position regarding number of T.E. and staff quarters sub-division-wise in Telecom Circle Orissa*

Sl. No.	Subdivision	No. of Telephone Exchanges	No. of staff quarters
1.	Baripada	1	Nil
2.	Balasore	2	21
3.	Dhenkanal	2	2

4. Cuttack	1	49
5. Paradeep	2	2
6. Keonjargarh	1	Nil
7. Bhubaneswar	1	193
8. Jatni	1	5
9. Puri	2	18
10. Phulbani	1	Nil
11. Berhampur	2	9
12. Jeypore	1	Nil
13. Titlgarh	1	Nil
14. Bolangir	1	Nil
15. Sambalpur	2	88
16. Jharsuguda	1	24
17. Rourkela	2	107

#### Policy and Norms to open Branch Post Offices and Telephone Facilities in Orissa

6522. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that though there is a liberal policy and norms to open branch post offices and extend telephone facilities in tribal areas of Orissa, the progress made so far to provide these facilities is less and not up to the standard of the other areas;

(b) if so, the reasons for the non-implementation of the policy by the Orissa Circle;

(c) if implemented, the developments made during the Sixth Plan in tribal areas and other areas, district-wise;

(d) whether the funds and the equipments have been earmarked for tribal areas to avoid delay and diversions; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The progress made in Tribal areas is comparable to other areas.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Postal development made is given in statement I attached and that of Telephone facilities is given in statement II attached.

(d) Yes, Sir. Separate targets are fixed and achieved subject to availability of adequate funds. But there is no separate

allocation of telephone equipment for tribal areas.

(e) Allocation of telephone equipment depends upon required demand and financial viability etc.

#### Statement-I

*The Postal development made during Sixth Plan in tribal areas and other areas, district wise is as under*

Name of District	No. of Post Office opened in normal areas	No. of Post Offices in backward areas	No. of Post Offices opened in tribal areas
Balangir	4	4	—
Balasore	22	2	6
Cuttack	41	—	—
Dhenkanal	6	15	—
Ganjan	22	3	8
Keonjhar	—	4	26
Koraput	—	—	53
Kalahavdi	—	18	5
Mayurbhanj	—	—	36
Phulbani	—	8	26
Puri	17	5	—
Sambhalpur	7	—	5
Sundargarh	—	—	34
Total	119	59	199

#### Statement-II

*Comparable statement of achievements in Tribal and other areas in Orissa, District-wise*

Name of Distt.	P. C. Os.		Exchanges	
	Tribal	Other areas	Tribal	Other areas
1	2	3	4	5
1. Balasore	4	39	1	4
2. Bolangir	—	16	—	4
3. Dhenkanal	—	35	—	7
4. Ganjam	10	17	2	11

1	2	3	4	5
5. Kalahandi	5	14	1	3
6. Keonjhar	35	1	7	3
7. Koraput	37	—	9	—
8. Mayurbhanj	40	—	13	—
9. Phulbani	17	1	5	—
10. Puri	—	12	—	13
11. Cuttack	—	35	—	18
12. Sambalpur	6	19	—	4
13. Sundargarh	34	—	5	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Ratio :</b>	<b>1 : 1</b>	<b>Ratio</b>	<b>1 : 1.5</b>	

**Scheme to Market 2T Oil Meant for  
Two Wheelers**

6523. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation is launching an ambitious scheme to market 2T Oil specially meant for two wheelers in filter proof polythene pouches;

(b) if so, whether this new packing will meet a long-standing need of the oil industry which has been trying for years to overcome the problem of adulteration in lubricants;

(c) whether the new packing will result in considerable foreign exchange savings; and

(d) if so, to what extent and the time by which the Union Government are implementing the proposed scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Pilfer-proof pouches for 2T oil are being introduced by IOC on a trial basis in Delhi and Pune.

(b) Yes, Sir. The main purpose of this scheme is to ensure supply of quality products for two/three wheelers.

(c) and (d). The pilfer-proof pouches will replace containers made of tin plates and steel sheets. Whenever indigenous availability of plates and sheets fall short of the total requirement, the balance quantity has to be imported. As these pouches are made of materials indigenously available foreign exchange occasionally required for import of tin plates and steel sheets will be saved.

Extension of the scheme to other areas will be considered after assessing the market acceptability of the products in pouches at the above two places.

**Bids for Contract of On-Shore Drilling**

6524. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the response of the Indian companies to the Oil and Natural Gas Commission's recent bids for contract of on-shore drilling has been far below the anticipated level;

(b) if so, whether only 15 of over 30 Indian parties that had purchased the tender papers have submitted their bids;

(c) if so, the main causes of the poor response by the Indian companies;

(d) whether structural short-comings in the tender conditions and applications were