

Increase in Price of Petrol

6530. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the per litre price of petrol as on 1 January, 1980;

(b) the present price of one litre of petrol;

(c) the number of times Government have increased the price of petrol since 1 January, 1980; and

(d) the reasons of such increase in the price of petrol ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) and (b) The retail selling prices of petrol on 1.1.1980 and on 1.4.1985 in the principal cities were :

(In Rs. per litre)

As on 1.1.1980 As on 1.4.1985

Bombay	4.42	7.34
Delhi	4.41	7.01
Calcutta	4.42	7.16
Madras	4.25	7.39

(c) Basic prices of petrol have been increased five times since 1st January, 1980.

(d) Increases in the price of petrol have been on account of several reasons viz. increases in the price of crude oil-indigenous and imported, increase in the value of the dollar, improvement in the quality of petrol, higher costs of exploration, refining and marketing of petroleum products, the need to keep the prices of other petroleum products at a lower level etc.

Import of High Technology by Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Ltd.

6531. SHRIMATI MANORAMA SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the negotiations the officials of Rajasthan

State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Ltd. (RIICO) recently had with the US Embassy official regarding import of high technology for some of the new industrial projects to be established in Rajasthan;

(b) whether the State Government had asked the Union Government about the availability of this technology within the country; and

(c) whether State Governments or State Government enterprises can negotiate with the representatives of foreign governments, foreign companies for the import of technology without involving the concerned department of Union Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b). This Ministry is not aware of any such negotiations.

(c) Technology selection is primarily left to the Indian Entrepreneurs/Parties, Private as well as Public Sector, who after exploring the alternative sources of technology and techno-economic analysis select the one that suits them the best. Thereafter, they apply for Governments approval and such an application, when received, is examined in consultation with the authorities concerned.

Proposal for Glass Technology Institute at Firozabad

6532. SHRI GANGA RAM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a Glass Technology Institute at Firozabad a city of glass industry in district Agra;

(b) whether Government propose to conduct any survey at Firozabad for this purpose; and

(c) if so, how long will it take to give practical shape to the above proposal; and

(d) the salient features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) to (d). The Central Government have no proposal at present to set up a Glass Technology Institute at Firozabad. However, there is already a Small Industries Service Institute Extension Centre at Firozabad rendering necessary technical assistance to the Small Scale glass and glassware manufacturing units located in and around Firozabad as well as affording training facilities to the local artisans in the manufacture of glass toys, decoration on glassware by screen printing etc.

Bajaj Scooters Factory at Agra

6533. SHRI GANGA RAM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to set up Bajaj Scooters factory in Agra;

(b) if so, the exact place where it is going to be established, be indicated keeping in view the apprehension of environmental pollution to the Taj Mahal; and

(c) if not, whether Agra district is being deprived of the opportunity of its industrial development mainly on the ground of environmental pollution ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) to (c). The proposal of Bajaj Auto Ltd. to set up a factory at Agra for assembly of scooters could not be cleared from the environmental angle, as it was felt that the proposed factory would add to the environmental pollution and would be detrimental to the preservation of Taj Mahal.

Since the restriction is only for such factories which cause environmental pollution, industrialisation can be done through establishment of non-polluting industries.

Conversion of Manual Telephone Exchanges into Auto Telephone Exchange

6534. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new auto telephone exchanges opened in the country, State-wise during the years 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(b) the details of the proposals sent by the State Governments for opening of auto telephone exchanges in their States, particularly from Orissa;

(c) the action taken by Government thereon;

(d) the number of manual telephone exchanges likely to be converted into auto telephone exchanges during the year 1985-86 and the names of these places; and

(e) the policy of Government for converting a manual telephone exchange ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The information is given at statement I attached.

(b) The State Government had sent proposals to open Auto Telephone Exchanges at 24 places. The details are given in statement II attached.

(c) Exchanges MAX-III type at 4 out of 24 places are already working while the exchanges at rest of the places could not be opened for want of requisite demand.

(d) The information is given at statement III attached.

(e) The policy envisages priority to exchanges at District headquarters and exchanges of higher capacities with large waiting lists.

Statement - I

Number of new Auto Telephone Exchanges opened during 1983-84 and 1984-85—
State-wise.

	1983-84	1984-85	
	1	2	3
1. Andhra	82	107	
2. Bihar	21	20	
3. Gujarat	33	31	