

done so far. Several reported oil and gas shows have also been investigated but the results have not been very encouraging.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The hill track of Mizoram is not considered prospective for hydrocarbons and it is not proposed to undertake exploration in the area in the near future.

#### Review of Postal Delivery Services

3129. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to review the postal delivery services in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have conducted any survey regarding the villages in which the postal delivery services are not satisfactory, particularly in Orissa State; and

(d) if so, the steps Government have taken or propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The Department is constantly reviewing the working of the entire postal system and is examining ways and means to improve it.

(b) The method of monitoring mail has been tightened up and several suggestions for streamlining and improving the working procedures are under examination.

(c) Yes, Sir. A survey was conducted in the year 1982 in Orissa State and the postal delivery services in rural areas were found satisfactory.

(d) Question does not arise.

#### Registration for Cooking Gas connections

3130. SHRI T. BALA GOUD : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether new registration for cooking gas connection is being contemplated by the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation;

(b) if so, whether the Corporation would be able to cater to the needs of the existing customers;

(c) whether the Corporation has also manufactured mini-cylinders; and

(d) if so, what are the working plans of the mini-cylinders;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Allotment of petrol pumps in Sidhi district (Madhya Pradesh)

3131. SHRI MOTI LAL SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether some petrol pumps have been allotted to some persons recently in the Sidhi District of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of persons called for interview;

(d) the details of petrol pumps given to tribal people, Scheduled Castes and others;

(e) whether some more petrol pumps are likely to be given in this District in the near future; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) No, Sir.