

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.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In connection with HPCL's retail outlet at Nikvel, since the two persons called for interview by Oil Selection Board (East) were found ineligible, a fresh advertisement for inviting applications has been issued. The lone candidate for IOC's retail outlet at Behri was also found ineligible by the Oil Selection Board.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f). The Oil Industry plans to develop 6 petrol/diesel pumps in Sindh District as under :—

Sl. No.	Location	Category
1.	Behri	ST
2.	Majouli	ST
3.	Nikvel	Open
4.	Singrauli	SC
5.	Deosar	ST
6.	Bhagawar	UG/UGE

**Opening of Post Office at Gole Bazar,
Kharagpur**

3132. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have given sanction for opening of a post office at Gole Bazar, Kharagpur in West Bengal;

(b) if so, when the sanction was given;

(c) whether Government have secured land for construction of the building for the post office;

(d) if so, when;

(e) whether the construction of the building has been completed;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the time by which the construction of building will be completed and a post office opened ?

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

(b) 25-9-1977

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) 23-2-1983

(e) No, Sir.

(f) The detailed drawings and detailed estimate relating to this post office building are under finalisation.

(g) The work is expected to be commenced during 1985-86 and expected to be completed in about 12 months from the date of commencement.

**Allotment of Petroleum Products for
Allahabad**

3133. SHRI RAM POOJAN PATEL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the annual quota of Kerosene Oil L.P. Gas and Petrol earmarked for Allahabad City during the current financial year;

(b) the total annual quota of petroleum products during the period from January, 1978 to February, 1985 for Allahabad, city;

(c) the number of people living in rural areas of Allahabad, and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes among them who have been given the agency of kerosene oil, petrol pumps and L.P. gas during the period as in (b) above;

(d) the number of people of areas as in (c) above to be covered for net work of such agencies during the Seventh Five Year Plan;