

(a) the names of the oil producing States in the country and the quantity of oil explored in those States annually;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in more areas during the year 1984 to find out oil;

(c) if so, the details of the findings thereof; and

(d) Government's policy in regard to increasing the oil production in the country to avoid import during Seventh Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) State-wise the production of crude oil during the year 1984-85 was as under :-

Name of State	(Million Tonnes) Production of Crude oil
Gujarat	3.91
Assam	4.89
Arunachal Pradesh	0.05

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Surveys were carried out during 1984 in other areas of Gujarat, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Assam, Tripura, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, J&K and Uttar Pradesh besides Western and Eastern Offshore areas. The data collected from the surveys is to be processed and interpreted before taking up further drilling to find new resources of petroleum.

(d) The Government's policy to increase the production of indigenous crude oil inter-alia includes :

- (i) Use of enhanced oil recovery techniques;
- (ii) Intensification of work-over operations;
- (iii) Intensification of exploration in less precisely known geological regions which may eventually lead to enhanced production; and
- (iv) Induction of advanced technology.

Automatic Telephone Exchange at Begu-Sarai in Bihar

3159. SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the building for automatic telephone exchange at Begu-sarai in Bihar was completed one and a half years back;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the project for automatic telephone exchange at Begusarai had already been sanctioned three years back; and

(c) if so, when the automatic telephone exchange will be commissioned at Begusarai ?

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

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The exchange is likely to be commissioned in 1986-87 subject to availability of resources.

[Translation]

Waiting list for cooking gas connections in Maharashtra

3160. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for cooking gas connections in Chandrapur, Garhchiroli and Bhandra districts in Maharashtra, and since when they are on the waiting list; and

(b) the time by which gas connections will be provided to them and steps taken in this regards ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) The number of persons on the waiting list for cooking gas connection in Chandrapur and Bhandra districts of Maharashtra is approximately 5,000 (September '81 onwards) and 7,000 (September '82 onwards) respectively. There is no LPG agency in Garhchiroli.

(b) All the persons on the waiting list are expected to be given connections during 1985-86.

[English]

Linking of District Headquarters of Bijapur by STD

3161. SHRI S.M. GURADDI : Will the

Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of Taluka places like, Bagalkot, Gadag, Harihar and Ravangir in the Bijapur District of Karnataka are linked by S. T. D.;

(b) if so, whether the district headquarters of Bijapur has not been linked by S. T. D.; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir, Bagalkot, Gadag and Harihar in Bijapur district of Karnataka have been linked by STD through Bangalore TAX.

(b) No, sir.

(c) Bijapur being a manual telephone exchange, STD facility on automatic subscriber-dialled basis cannot be provided. Due to limited availability of switching and transmission equipment Bijapur could not be converted to an automatic telephone exchange so far and linked by STD to Bangalore. Limited manual STD facility may be provided if the demand therefor is sufficient. After automatisation, Bijapur is planned to be connected to Belgaum Trunk Automatic Exchange, which is to be set up in the 7th plan period.

Setting up of coal-Based Fertilizer Plants

3162. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of coal-based fertilizer plants set up at different places in the country so far;

(b) whether Government will examine the proposal to set up some more coal-based fertiliser plants in the country; and

(c) if so, the various new sites proposed to be taken into consideration for the location of new coal-based fertiliser plants in Seventh Five Year plan ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDSTURY AND

COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) Two coal-based fertilizer plants are, at present, in operation at Ramagundam (Andhra Pradesh) and Talcher (Orissa). The implementation of the third coal-based project at Korba (Madhya Pradesh) was held in abeyance due to resource constraints. The revival of the plant will be considered after the production at the other two coal-based fertilizer plants stabilises.

(b) At present there is no proposal to set up more coal-based fertilizer plants in the country.

(c) Dose not arise.

[Translation]

Decline in the Production of Fertilizers in Barauni Fertilizers Factory

3163. PROF. CHANDRA BHANU DEVI :
SHRI LALITESHWAR SHAHI :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for considerable decline in the production in the Barauni Fertilizer factory during the last three years; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to increase the production ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZER AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) the production in the Barauni Fertilizer Plant of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited during the earlier two years (1982-83 and 1983-84) was comparatively steady. However; due to power problem including power cuts/failures/restricted supply/voltage dips and frequency fluctuations and equipment breakdowns and problems of industrial relations due to inter union rivalry and contractors labour the production during 1984-85 has declined.

(b) To improve power supply position, a 2.5 MW gas turbine has been installed and is in operation since July, 1983. A 16 MW captive power plant is under implementation and is expected to be commissioned during 1986. State Government has also been requested to supply adequate and stable power to