

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has any proposal to introduce pension scheme for its employees; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) and (b). A scheme for granting pensionary benefits to its employees has been submitted by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission for Government's approval. Ministry of Finance (Bureau of Public Enterprises) are reviewing the terminal benefits admissible to the employees of the public sector undertakings. The scheme for pensionary benefits proposed by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission would be examined in the context of general policy formulated by the Bureau of Public Enterprises for the public sector undertakings.

Setting up of cooking gas plant in Tripura

3214. SHRI AJOY BISWAS : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up any cooking gas plant in Tripura for utilisation of the huge deposit of natural gas;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE

MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) There is no proposal to set up an LPG extraction/bottling plant in Tripura.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The LPG demand of consumers in Tripura is being met from the LPG Bottling Plant at Duliajan.

Light motor passenger vehicles

3215. SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total prices of light motor passenger vehicles;

(b) the total production during the financial year 1984-85 make-wise; and

(c) the demand from the people and steps proposed to be taken to fulfil the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b). A statement is attached.

(c) The Sub-Group on Automobiles and Earthmoving Industry for the VII Plans has projected a demand of 1,40,000 passenger cars and 45,000 cross country vehicles for the year 1989-90. Sufficient production capacity is being set up to meet the projected demand.

Statement

(a) Ex-factory prices excluding excise of some well known brands of light motor passenger vehicles are given below :—

(figures Rs. in '000)

(i) **Hindustan Motors**

(a) Car "Ambassador" (Petrol) 52

(b) Car "Contessa" 65

(ii) **Premier Automobiles**

(a) Premier Padmini 50

(b) Deluxe BE	54
(c) Deluxe	58
(iii) Maruti	
(a) Car (Blue and White)	41
(b) Deluxe	71
(c) Flat roof van (White and Black)	47
(iv) Mahindra Jeep	
(a) Petrol	71
(b) Diesel	72

(b) The total production during the financial year (April 1984-March 1985) is as follows :—

(figures Nos. in '000)

(i) Hindustan Motors	
Cars	25
Trekker	2
(ii) Premier Automobiles Ltd.	
Car	28
(iii) Maruti Udyog Limited	
Cars	21
Vans	2
(iv) Mahindra & Mahindra	
Jeeps	23
(v) Sipani Automobiles	
Cars	1

Conversion of manual Telephone Exchanges into automatic Telephone Exchanges

3216. SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of automatic telephone exchanges in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether all the manual telephone exchanges have been converted into automatic exchanges;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and if not, the reasons thereof;

(d) the difficulties in converting manual exchanges into automatic exchanges; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The number of automatic telephone exchanges in the country State-wise is given in statement attached.