

(b) Kunavaram (Amalapuram) well where minor gas shows were observed has been abandoned as they were of no commercial interest. Bhimanapalli well which flowed gas at the rate of 27300 cubic matters (approximately) has been sealed after completion of testing. Further assessment wells will be drilled after interpretation of the results obtained.

(c) The jobs were done by ONGC.

**Setting up of Cement Plant at Jeypur
Orissa**

3253. SHRI SOMNATH RATH :
SHRI K. PRADHANI :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a cement plant at Jeypur in Koraput District of Orissa; and

(b) if so, when the proposal is expected to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Oil refineries and their production

3254. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL :
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be

pleased to state :

(a) the number and location of oil refineries functioning in India, with their annual capacity;

(b) whether it is a fact that these are not meeting the demand of the country;

(c) if so, whether Government are considering to establish more oil refineries in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to expand the existing refineries to increase their production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) A statement indicating the number and location of oil refineries functioning in India and their annual capacity is attached.

(b) Though the refining capacity is more than the total demand, they are not meeting fully the demand of certain products.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). Government have approved the setting up of a six million tonnes per annum refinery at Karnal in Haryana and are examining the setting up of the another grass-root refinery and expansion of the existing refineries.

Statement

(in million metric tonnes)

Sl. No.	Name of Refinery and Location	Installed capacity as on 1.4.1985
1	2	3
1.	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Bombay	6.00
2.	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Bombay	3.50
3.	Cochin Refineries Ltd. Cochin	4.50
4.	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. Visakhapatnam	4.50
5.	Madras Refineries Ltd. Madras	5.60

1	2	3
6.	Bongaigaon Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd. Bongaigaon (Assam)	1.00
7.	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Haldia	2.50
8.	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Barauni	3.30
9.	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Gauhati (Assam)	0.85
10.	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. Digboi (Assam)	0.50
11.	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. Koyali	7.30
12.	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. Mathura	6.00
		45.55

Opening of New Post Offices and Telegraph Offices in Adivasi Areas in Gujarat.

3255. SHRI MOHAN BHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new post Offices and telegraph Offices opened in the rural areas particularly in Adivasi areas of the country during the year 1984-85, and particularly in Gujarat;

(b) the Government's policy for opening of new Post Offices and telegraph offices in the country during the year 1985-86;

(c) whether Government have received any demand from Government of Gujarat in this respect; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) 29 Post Offices and 180 telegraph offices were opened in the rural adivasi areas of the country during the year 1984-85, out of which one Post Office was opened in Gujarat. No Telegraph Office was opened in Gujarat.

(b) Norms for opening of rural Post Offices and telegraph offices during 1985-86

are laid on the table of the House (Placed in Library, See No L T 940/85)

(c) No demand in this respect was received from the Government of Gujarat.

(d) Does not arise.

Automatisation of Telephone and Telecom. Circles Exchanges

3256. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any programme for speedy automatisation of telephone exchanges has been drawn up for North-West and other Telecom. Circle in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the target dates by which all district headquarters in the country would be provided with automatic telephone exchanges (MAX-II) ;

(c) whether any delay has been envisaged in view of acute shortage of equipment or trained staff; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to eliminate delay and ensure speedy automatisation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS