

[English]

Supply of Bombay High Gas

3292. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of gas drawn out annually at Bombay High ;

(b) the cost at which gas is supplied to Government of Maharashtra ; and

(c) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission supply gas at the same price and on the same conditions to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for generation of power ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) The production of associated natural gas from Bombay High in the year 1984-85 was 4408 million cubic metres.

(b) Oil and Natural Gas Commission has been billing Maharashtra State Electricity Board at LSHS equivalent price for the gas being supplied to it. Pending final fixation of gas price, MSEB has been asked to pay ONGC at prevailing coal equivalent prices for the gas received by it.

(c) The price of gas at which ONGC will supply gas to the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board for generation of power, subject to availability of gas, will be determined on the basis of final fixation of gas price, which is under consideration of the Government.

Installation of Telephones

3293. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of telephones required by the end of 1985 ;

(b) the actual supply and installation of telephones by the end of 1985 ;

(c) how the gap will be met ; and

(d) the total cost involved for meeting the gap ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The

total number of telephone required by the end of 1985 will be around 41 lakhs.

(b) Actual supply and installation of telephones by end of 1985 will be about 31 lakhs.

(c) This gap of 10 lakhs is proposed to be met in the next five years.

(d) The total cost for meeting this 10 lakhs gap in telephones will be about Rs. 3,000 crores.

Increase in installed capacity of Bassin Road Nala Sopara Waliv and Viror Telephone Exchange

3294. SHRI ANOOP CHAND SHAH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to put Bassein Road, Nala Sopara, Waliv and Viror telephone exchanges under one automatic telephone exchange ;

(b) whether the total installed capacity of these exchanges is only 1680 ; and

(c) if so, the time by which Government will increase this installed capacity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) (i) Expansion of Bassein Road 840 lines manual exchange to 900 lines MAX-II exchange is planned in 1985-86 subject to receipt of all stores.

(ii) Expansion of Nala Sopara Manual Exchange from 240 lines to 360 lines is planned for 1985-86.

(iii) Expansion of Virar automatic Exchange from 400 to 500 lines is planned for 1987-88.

Memorandum urging change in policy towards "Human Resource Development"

3295. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Federation of Petroleum Workers has submitted a memorandum to Government urging for change in policy towards 'Human resource development' ;