

(a) the number of district headquarters in Madhya Pradesh connected with State capital, Bhopal by STD facilities ;

(b) the names of those districts ;

(c) the time by which other districts in Madhya Pradesh are expected to be connected with State capital by STD facilities ; and

(d) the steps taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) 10 District Headquarters in Madhya Pradesh are connected with Bhopal through STD facility.

(b) Name of District Headquarters referred at (a) above are :—

1. Bilaspur 2. Gwalior 3. Indore  
4. Sehore 5. Khandwa 6. Raipur  
7. Jabalpur 8. Ujjain 9. Sagar 10. Durg.

(c) and (d) Subject to availability of switching and transmission equipments, the remaining District Headquarters, in Madhya Pradesh have been planned to be connected with State Capital Bhopal by STD during the 7th Plan.

**Survey undertaken for exploration of Oil  
in Himachal Pradesh**

2222. SHRI K. D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a survey was conducted and boring work undertaken at Ram Shahr and Jawalamukhi in Himachal Pradesh to find out oil and gas there ;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred by Government thereon ;

(c) the reasons for stopping the operation ;

(d) whether it is a fact that a large number of houses were constructed at the site before the actual execution of the job ;

(e) if so, how Government propose to utilise those houses now ; and

(f) the names of the new places in Himachal Pradesh where fresh surveys are proposed to be undertaken and when these surveys are likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (c) Based on the surveys ONGC had drilled one well at Ramshehar and 4 wells in Jawalamukhi. The total expenditure incurred till 31-3-85 was Rs. 7.03 crores. The Ramshehar well was abandoned due to technical complications. Drilling at Jawalamukhi was earlier discontinued as no commercial discovery was made.

(d) and (e) No houses were constructed at Ramshehar drill site. However, a residential colony was constructed at Sapri in Jawalamukhi which was disposed off after the drilling operations were discontinued.

(f) Seismic surveys are being carried out near Nalagarh and is proposed to be extended to Mandi-Palampur area. The surveys are expected to continue during the Seventh Plan period.

**Karnataka Demand for Unallocated Power  
from Ramagundam Thermal Station**

2223. SHRI S.M. GURADDI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a suggestion has been made by the Power Minister of Karnataka at the recent conference of Power Ministers to allocate 15 per cent unallocated power from Ramagundam Thermal Station entirely to Karnataka ;

(b) when this demand was made by the Government of Karnataka ; and

(c) the reasons why action has been delayed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.