

[*Translation*]

Adulteration in petroleum products in Sitapur and Barabanki District, U.P.

2248. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of complaints received by Government regarding adulteration in petroleum products like diesel, petrol, kerosene, etc. during 1985 from Sitapur and Barabanki districts in Uttar Pradesh ;

(b) whether Government have inquired into these complaints ; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) One complaint against an IOC dealer at Haidergarh in Barabanki district of U.P. has been received during this year so far.

(b) and (c) : A joint team of the oil companies inspected the concerned retail outlet. No discrepancy in stock was found and the result of the prescribed spot check for adulteration was negative.

[*English*]

S.T.D. Facility in Mandla District of Madhya Pradesh

2249. SHRI M. L. JHIKRAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether S.T.D. facility exists between (i) Mandla and Dindori, (ii) Mandla and Lakhnadaun and (iii) Dindori and Pedra in the Mandla District of Madhya Pradesh ;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ;

(c) the time by which this facility is likely to be provided ; and

(d) whether any action had been taken in this regard earlier also, if so, the progress made so far ?

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

(b) to (d) Due to limitation of resources, priority is being given to connect District Headquarters to State Capital. There is no plan at present to provide STD between (i) Mandla and Dindori (ii) Mandla and Lakhnadaun and (iii) Dindori and Pedra.

Production of Public Sector Undertakings

2250. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the production of public sector undertakings during the last three years, year-wise ;

(b) the allocation of funds during the same period ; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to boost the production at profitability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Attention of the Hon. Member is invited to the details of production for three years ending 1983-84 available in the Public Enterprises Survey 1983-84 (Volume I) placed on the Table of Lok Sabha on 15th March, 1985 ;

(b) The details of allocation of funds during the same period are available in the Budget Documents including performance budgets tabled annually ;

(c) The steps which have been taken ; or are under consideration, to improve the production and profitability of public enterprises include *inter alia* regular monitoring of performance, provision of captive and stand-by generation of power, investment in balancing facilities, upgradation of technology, training and retraining of personnel,