

(b) if so, the likely date by which the Branch and the centre would be opened ; and

(c) if not, the likely date by which a decision would be taken in this regard and the reasons for delay ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :**

(a) to (c) : Requests have been received for opening of a Branch Small Industries Service Institute at Hamirpur and Extension Centre at Mehatpur in Himachal Pradesh which are under examination.

**Employment to dependants of deceased Employees in Bharat Coking Coal Limited.**

2266. **SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA :** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases of giving employment to the dependants of the deceased employees pending with the Bharat Coking Coal Limited as on 1 October, 1985 under National Coal Wage Agreement—III, the details thereof indicating the period in each case for which these are pending ;

(b) whether there is some maximum time limit within which such cases are to be cleared, if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the cases of dependants of regular employees only are considered while no such mention is there in National Coal Wage Agreement—III ; and

(d) if so, the justification for excluding casual employees ?

**THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) :** (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Contract for Offshore Drilling Project in Eastern Region**

2267. **SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI :** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Commission had decided to give the entire contract for its first offshore drilling project in the Eastern region to an American oil exploring company ; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the conditions and other terms on which the agreement has been arrived ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) :** (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Renovation of Kolaghat Telephone Exchange**

2268. **SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISHRA :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Telephone Department to renovate the Kolaghat Telephone Exchange in the Seventh Five Year Plan period ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present 100 line manual exchange will be replaced by a new board.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

**Construction of Thermal Power Plants**

2269. **SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE :** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether construction of Thermal Power Plants is likely to be taken up during the Seventh Five Year Plan in Orissa ;

(b) if so, what would be the estimated cost, capacity and location of each of these plants ;