

Flaring of Natural Gas in Bombay High

2347. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated quantity of natural gas allowed to be flared in Bombay High ;

(b) the steps taken to expeditiously utilise and thus prevent the wastage of this precious resource ; and

(c) whether any time limit has been set by which the flaring of the natural gas at Bombay High is to be stopped ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) In the year 1984-85, a total quantity of 1983 million cubic metres of gas was flared in Bombay High ;

(b) and (c) The compression facilities are being augmented in Bombay High, and are expected to be commissioned by April 1985 ; after this, flaring of gas is expected to be reduced to minimum, except for safety reasons.

[*Translation*]

Production of colour photo films in Public Sector

2348. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to increase colour photo films production capacity in the public sector and to set up new projects for the purpose during the Seventh Five Year Plan period ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether Government propose to issue licences to individual entrepreneurs in this sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd., a public sector undertaking, have submitted a project proposal for setting up a plant for the manufacture of cine colour positive with an annual capacity of 8.00 million sq. mtrs. per annum, with a total investment of Rs. 190.00 crores.

No final decision has been taken by the Government in regard to the setting up of this project.

Expansion of Capacity of Almora electronic Telephone exchange

2349. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the capacity of Electronic Exchange, Almora (U. P.) to provide telephone connections has been fully exhausted ;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that a large number of people are still waiting to get telephone connections ; and

(c) if so, the time by which the capacity of this exchange would be expanded ?

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

(b) About 20 people are awaiting for telephone connection.

(c) Expansion will be considered on further build up of the demand.

Improvements in self Employment Guarantee Scheme

2350. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a high level committee has been constituted to suggest improvements in the present structure of self-employment guarantee scheme for educated unemployed persons ; and