

1	2	3	4	5
4.	Long Distance PCOs (Nos.)	996	2201	1205
5.	Telegraph offices (Nos.)	1592	2962	1370
6.	Telex Exchanges (Nos.)	9	10	1
7.	Telex Working Connections (Nos.)	377	490	113
8.	T.A.X. (Numbers)	1	1	Nil
9.	Capacity of TAX (Lines)	800	1500	700
10.	Point to Point STD Routes (Nos.)	6	12	6

Take over of Bombay Suburban Electricity Company

2361. SHRI S. M. GURADDI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has made a public statement that electricity generation will be open to private sector ;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal ;

(c) whether Government have approved the proposal of Maharashtra Government to take over the Bombay Suburban Electricity Company ; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a)&(b) while inaugurating the Conference of Power Ministers of States held in November, 1985, the Union Minister of Energy had stated that Government had an open mind in regard to mobilisation of additional resources for implementation of power projects.

(c) and (d) This matter is within the competence of the State Government.

Exploration of Oil in Rajasthan

2362. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government had undertaken certain projects to explore oil and natural gas in Rajasthan ; if so, (i) the names of the projects and their location ; and (ii) the total expenditure incurred so far including administrative expenditure ;

(b) the achievements of the projects ; and if no achievements, the reasons therefor ?

(c) whether his Ministry has undertaken a fresh project to explore oil and gas in that region ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) ONGC and Oil India Ltd. are conducting exploration in Rajasthan. The project headquarters of both the companies are situated in Jodhpur. Till 31st March, 1985, the amount spent on exploration in Rajasthan is about Rs. 56 crores.

(b) Gas has been found at Ghotaru and Manhara Tibba in Rajasthan.

(c) and (d) Exploration for hydrocarbons in Rajasthan is continuing. The tentative exploration programme for the Seventh Plan is as follows :

	ONGC	OIL
(i) Surveys	18 Party Years	10200 line Kms.
(ii) Exploratory drilling (000 metres)	60.21	29