

[English]

Opening of New Post Offices in Adivasi Areas

2372. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the postal services in backward areas and particularly in Adivasi areas are very poor ;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to improve these services ; and

(c) the measures being taken to open new post offices in those area during the year 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No Sir, As a general statement this is not so.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In view of the continuing ban on creation of posts, no proposals have been finalised so far for opening of new post offices.

Procurement of Materials from Public Sector by BHEL

2373. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited has entered into an agreement with its various unions of the units to provide woollen jerseys and woollen uniforms to all the workers ;

(b) if so, the facts thereof ;

(c) the time by which the same will be provided ;

(d) whether BHEL authorities are arranging procurement of said materials from private sector industries instead of available public sector sources of supplies;

(e) if so, the reasons thereof ; and

(f) the action proposed to be taken to procure the materials from public sector organisations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) The questions do not arise.

On-Shore Drilling at Krishna-Godavari Basin

2374. SHRI K. S. RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the oil exploration work in the Krishna Godavari basin has been going on in full stream and there is no fear of its interruption ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether traces of crude in addition to natural gas have been indicated in the Kaikalur on-shore well in the Godavari-Krishna basin in Andhra Pradesh ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) and (b) The exploration work is going on in Krishna-Godavari Basin as per the plan. 5 wells are under drilling/testing in this basin. It is proposed to drill 8 exploratory wells in 1985-86 and 12 wells in 1986-87.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) During initial testing the well produced gas at the rate of about 4100 cubic metres and water at the rate of 68 cubic metres per day containing about 4% of light oil.

Construction of Departmental Buildings for Automatic Telephone Exchange and new post office in Una in Himachal Pradesh

2375. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state ;