

[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 ;

(a) whether the projects for the construction of departmental buildings for (i) automatic telephone exchange and (ii) head post office at Una in Himachal Pradesh have been sanctioned ;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of each building and the likely dates by which the construction would be taken up and completed ;

(c) if not, the likely dates by which the projects would be sanctioned and taken up ; and

(d) the reasons for delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The project for the construction of departmental building for telephone exchange at Una has been sanctioned. The project has not been sanctioned for Head Post Office.

(b) and (c) The estimated cost of the telephone exchange building is about Rs. 5.66 lakhs. The construction is likely to start by Nov., 1986 and is expected to be completed by October, 1987 subject to availability of resources.

As the project of HPO is not sanctioned, the estimated cost of the building is not known. However, the project of construction of Una HPO has been proposed for 1986-87 and will be taken up subject to availability of resources.

(d) There are encroachments existing on the plot meant for HPO building and the case for their removal has been taken up with the State Government.

#### Japanese Collaboration in Auto Industry

2376. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the names of various Industrial House/Companies, both in the private and public sector, dealing with the automobile industry, which have entered into collaboration with Japan ;

(b) the particulars of the various technical collaboration agreements entered into with the Japanese firms ; the technical assistance and know-how apart from plant and machinery provided to be provided by the Japanese firms ; and

(c) the equity share-holding by these Japanese Companies in the Indian Companies and the extent to which the respective share of profits are to be repatriated to Japan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) A statement is given below in respect of automobile vehicles.