

1	2	3
PMT		Rs. 13.15 crores
LAB		Rs. 18.38 crores
5. Polyester Staple Fibre Project (Bongaigaon Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd.)	Assam	Rs. 139.38 crores
6. Propylene Project of Madras Refineries Ltd., Madras	Tamil Nadu	Rs. 13.80 crores

#### Improvement in the Telephone Services of Raniganj Coal Belt

240. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the long-term and short-term programme planned by Government to improve the functioning of the telephone services of Raniganj coal belt ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : In order to improve the telephone service in Raniganj Coal-belt area, following short-term actions are being taken :

- (i) Routing of trunk calls both manual and STD through stable coaxial media between Asansol and Calcutta.
- (ii) Connecting Barakar telephone exchange directly to Asansol Trunk Automatic exchange over PCM channels for routing STD calls.
- (iii) Replacement of small automatic exchanges at Andal and Pandveswar by Main automatic exchanges (Max. II) into 100 lines and connecting them to group dialling network during 86-87 purchase orders have already been placed under 1982-83 supply programme for M/s ITI Rae-Bareilly.
- (iv) Expansion of Asansol telephone exchange from 2400 lines capacity to 3000 lines by Sept. 86.

Long-term programmes are as follows :

- (i) Expansion of Baraker telephone exchange from 600 lines to 900 lines capacity and Burnpur tele-

phone exchange from 400 lines to 500 lines during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

- (ii) Installation of 2000 lines crossbar exchange at Raniganj by the end of Seventh plan period.

#### Price Structure of Petrol, Diesel and Kerosene

241. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the price per litre of petrol, diesel and kerosene, year-wise, from 1982 to 1985; and

(b) the factors responsible for steady rise in the prices of these items ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) The retail selling prices of petrol, diesel and kerosene at Bombay for the years 1982 to 1985 are as below :

	(Rs. per litre)		
Prices as on	Petrol	Diesel	SKO
1-4-82	6.15	2.96	1.66
15-2-83	6.21	3.21	1.70*
1-4-83	6.21	3.21	1.80
1-4-84	6.32	3.21	1.81
1-6-84	6.41	3.27	1.85
17-3-85	7.34	3.52	2.10
1-4-85	7.34	3.45	2.03

\*1.80 from 18-3-83.