

Assistance for the development of infrastructural facilities in identified growth centres in 'No-industry Districts', assistance is provided for the construction of approach roads. New railway lines are laid by the Ministry of Transport (Department of Railways) after taking into account all the relevant factors including growth.

Use of Satellite in Telecommunications

9079. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an increasing use is being made of the INSAT-B and other proposed satellites in the field of telecommunications especially for providing telecommunication facilities to the geographically remote and difficult areas in the country ;

(b) if so, whether any planned expansion of such facilities has been approved for implementation in the Seventh Five Year Plan ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof for each year of the Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Increasing use is envisaged of INSAT-IB and the proposed INSAT IC satellite to provide telecommunication facilities to geographically remote and difficult areas.

(b) The Seventh Five envisages establishment of about 80 additional earth stations including fixed and transportable ones.

(c) The details are as under :

(i) 18 earth stations in remote, backward and hilly areas are planned to be commissioned in 1987 at the following places :

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| 1. Doda | } | J & K State |
| 2. Rajouri | | |
| 3. Poonch | | |
| 4. Kargil | | |
| 5. Phool Bani | } | Orissa State |
| 6. Keylong | | |
| 7. Kalpa | } | Himachal Pradesh |

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| 8. Zero | } | Arunachal Pradesh |
| 9. Deporexo | | |
| 10. Seppa | | |
| 11. Anini | } | Rajasthan |
| 12. Jaisalmer | | |
| 13. Srinagar (Garwal) | } | U.P. |
| 14. Joshimath | | |
| 15. Uttarkashi | | |
| 16. Cambell Bay | } | Andaman & Nicobar Islands |
| 17. Diglipore | | |
| 18. Mayabunder | | |

(ii) 10 Transportable earth stations are planned to be commissioned in 1986-87.

(iii) 26 earth stations are planned to be commissioned progressively during 1987-89 in N.E. Region.

(iv) Proposals in respect of other earth stations are under active consideration for commissioning in the remaining years of 7th Plan.

Compensation to victims of LPG Cylinder Blast in A.P.

9080. SHRI T. BALA GOUD : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that the leading national oil co's like Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd, have set up complaints cells in their regional offices ;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received from Andhra Pradesh and the nature thereof ;

(c) the action taken in the cases of loss of the life and property due to LPG cylinder blasts in Andhra Pradesh ; and

(d) the quantum of compensation being paid at present for loss of life due to cylinder blasts in Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) While Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd, and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd, have Customer Service Cells at their Regional Offices, Indian Oil Corporation have such Cells at the Divisional Offices in each Region.