

Revival of sick Units in Orissa

3231. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state ;

(a) whether steps have been taken to remove sickness of industrial units in Orissa ;

(b) if so, the number of sick units revived in Orissa in 1985-86 ; and

(c) the efforts made to revive all the sick industrial Units in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM):

(a) and (b). Government have issued certain policy guidelines for guidance of Central Ministries, State Governments (including the Government of Orissa) and financial institutions in October, 1981 for the revival/rehabilitation of potentially viable units. The salient features of these guidelines were furnished in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 204 on 23.1.1985. In case where sick units are taken over as a part of rehabilitation schemes prepared by banks and financial institutions, various reliefs and forms of assistance such as reconstruction of capital, funding and interest liabilities, capital and working capital loans on softer terms, relief or rescheduling of debt service liabilities, etc. are provided for in such rehabilitation schemes. The Central Government and State Governments also provide various fiscal and other reliefs as a part of rehabilitation packages formulated by banks and financial institutions, for individual sick units. In addition, healthy units are encouraged through Income Tax relief to take over sick units by way of amalgamation.

(c) Information for the year 1985-86 is not available.

Oil Exploration in Bihar

3232. SHRI C. P. THAKUR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any efforts have been made to locate petroleum or gas in Bihar ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Till 1-1-1986, surveys amounting to 5 geological party years, 12 Gravity Magnetic Party years and 13 Seismic Party Years have been conducted. 3 exploratory wells have also been drilled.

**Upgradation of Dharapuram Post Office
Tamil Nadu**

3233. SHRI R. ANNANAMBI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to upgrade Dharapuram Post Office, Tamil Nadu into "D" grade ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal to upgrade Dharapuram Head Post Office in Tamil Nadu Circle. There is also no grade of Post Office designated as grade 'D'.

(b) and (c). Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Village Electrification in Kerala

3234. SHRI SURESH KURUP : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the performance of Kerala as compared to the performance of other States in the matter of achieving the targets for village electrification during the Sixth Five Year Plan period ; and

(b) the target fixed for the Seventh Five Year Plan period in Kerala and the amount earmarked ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Cent per cent electrification of villages was achieved in the State of Kerala in 1979-80 before the advent of 6th Five Year Plan. During the 6th