

(b) the action taken by Government 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) : No Sir; telephones in Patna, Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Saharan, Champaran, Samastipur and Madhubani areas of Bihar do not remain out of order except in cases of prolonged power failure.

(b) To overcome this problem, engine alternators and highly capacity batteries are being provided in all rural exchanges in a phased manner.

Improvement in Telephone Exchange in Parwalpur, Bihar

4129. SHRI KUNWAR RAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) since when the Parwalpur Telephone Exchange in Bihar is closed;

(b) whether its working has ever been reviewed;

(c) whether it has been found satisfactory; and

(d) if not, the measures taken to bring about improvement therein ?

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) Telephone Exchange Parwalpur has not been closed.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Functioning of this exchange is reviewed periodically by different level of officers. It was inspected by Divisional Engineer Telecom, Patna on 20.12.85. He found it working satisfactorily.

(d) Question does not arise in view of (b) and (c) above.

Opening of Petrol/Diesel outlets in Giridih District, Bihar

4130. SHRI SIDHA LAL MURMU : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that no petrol and diesel facility has been made available at Bengabad, Tisri, Birni, Sariya, Herodin (Jamua) Patna (Ganwan) of Giridih District Bihar;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make arrangements for petrol pumps for making diesel and petrol available to the farmers and transport vehicles there through Bharat Petroleum, Hindustan Petroleum or Indian Oil Corporation;

(c) if so, when such arrangements are proposed to be made; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) Out of these locations, one retail outlet (Petrol/Diesel) dealership is presently operating at Jamua (Herodih) in Giridih district of Bihar.

(b) to (d) Marketing Plan for setting up Retail Outlets (Petrol/Diesel) are annually prepared by the Oil Industry, on the basis of field surveys carried out to determine market potential and economic viability, taking into account prescribed volume-distance norms. The Marketing plan 1986-87, based on the above criteria, will be finalised in the next few months.

[English]

Performance of Major Public Sector Undertakings

4131. SHRI C.P. THAKUR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state : the performance of major public sector undertakings during 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNA-CHALAM) : The accounting year 1985-86