

(a) whether any decision has been taken to provide additional junctions between (i) Nadaun and Hamirpur, (ii) Gagret and Chintpurni, (iii) Gagret and Una, (iv) Sri Naina Devi and Bilaspur via Nangal and (v) Paragpur and Dehra Stations in Dharamsala Telegraph Division of Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the likely data by which the junctions will be provided and the estimated cost in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The position in respect of the additional Trunk circuits is as under :—

(i) *Nadaun-Hamirpur.*

The work for the provision of a second Trunk circuit is in progress and the same is likely to be completed during the current financial year. Estimated cost is Rs 45,000/-

(ii) *Gagret-Chintpurni*

Chintpurni is served by a small automatic exchange parented to Dehragopipur. 2nd parenting to Gagret is likely to be completed during 1987-88. The estimated cost is Rs. 90,000/-.

(iii) *Gagret-Una*

An estimate for the provision of a direct Trunk circuit between Gagret and Una has been sanctioned. The work is likely to be completed during 1987-88. Estimated cost is Rs. 3, 15,000/-.

(iv) *Naina Devi-Bilaspur*

Installation of a single channel VHF system between Naina Devi and Nangal stands approved. The estimated cost is Rs. 85,000/-. The trunk circuit will be built up as Naina Devi-Nangal VHF system plus Nangal-Chandigarh UHF plus Chandigarh-Bilaspur UHF. Line of sight is available only between Naina Devi and Nangal and there is no direct line of sight between Naina Devi and Bilaspur. Commissioning

of this circuit depends upon the supply of VHF equipment.

(v) *Paragpur-Dahra*

Paragpur is a small automatic exchange parented to Dehra Second trunk junction between Paragpur and Dehra has already been provided in March, 1986.

[Translation]

Setting up of Gobar gas plants in Madhya Pradesh

2578. SHRI MANKURAM SODI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the target fixed for the setting up of gobar gas plants in Madhya Pradesh during the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(b) the target fixed in this regard for tribal sub-plan area during the Sixth Plan period and the number of the gobar gas plants set up out of them and the number of the incomplete plants;

(c) whether Union Government have issued a directive to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission to the effect that this scheme should be got implemented by some other agency as the work done by Khadi Gramodyog in Madhya Pradesh for setting up for gobar gas plants in Adivasi areas is not satisfactory ; and

(d) if so, the name of the agency through which the said scheme is proposed to be executed ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) A Central Sector Scheme 'National Project for Biogas Development' (NPBD) was launched in 1981-82 for the remaining period of the Sixth Plan. The targets fixed for setting up of biogas plants (gobar gas plants) for the State of Madhya Pradesh including the targets of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) were as under :

Year	Targets (No. of plants)
1981-82	2000
1982-83	7000
1983-84	9000
1984-85	7500
Total	25,500

(b) Information is being collected from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d). The State Government has changed the nodal agency for implementation of biogas programme from Madhya Pradesh Khdai and Village Industries Board to Madhya Pradesh State Agro-Industries Development Corporation Ltd.

[English]

#### Development of fuel efficient vehicles

2579. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal for promotion of rapid development of fuel-efficient vehicles is under consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b). Recognising the need for technological upgradation and consequent savings in fuel, Government have, during recent years, permitted automobile manufacturers to enter into foreign collaborations. The future strategy, which would give a boost to indigenous development and at the same time would not insulate us from technological innovations abroad, is under formulation.

#### Radio relay system in Orissa

2580. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Radio Relay System has been introduced in different States;

(b) if so, which areas of Orissa have been covered under such programme; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRKHA) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Following towns in Orissa have been provided with Radio Relay Systems :—

Cuttack, Behrampur, Sambalpur, Bhubaneswar, Rourkela, Paradeep and Nauapali.

(c) Following radio relay systems are working with above Towns :—

1. Kharagpur - Cuttack - Behrampur-Vizag- Vijayawada - Nellore-Madras Microwave system.
2. Calcutta - Kharagpur - Sambalpur Nagpur Microwave system.
3. Cuttack-Bhubaneswar Microwave system.
4. Sambalpur-Raigarh Microwave system.
5. Sambalpur-Rourkela Microwave system.

#### UHF Systems :

1. Cuttack-Paradeep UHF system.
2. Cuttack-Nauapali UHF system.

#### Price of Soda Ash

2581. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the manufacturers of soda ash are making abnormal profits;

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken so far to check this trend;

(c) whether Government have asked BICP to go into the cost structure of soda ash and suggest measures to peg the price at a particular level; and

(d) if so, the measures suggested by the BICP and steps taken to decrease the price of soda ash ?

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