

with high efficiency electrostatic precipitators. In addition to installing high efficiency precipitators, the boilers are also equipped with tall chimneys so as to disperse the particulate matter in a wide area.

Declaration of Kerala as industrially backward area

261T SHRI VAKKOM PURUSHOTHAMAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether Government propose to declare the entire Kerala as industrially backward area taking into consideration the low per capita investment for industry and the unemployment problem in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : Presently there is no proposal to declare Kerala as industrially backward.

Unauthorised delivery charges on LPG

2616. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the rate of LPG in Bangalore city inclusive of charges for home delivery;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the charges for delivery are also being collected from the consumers even when delivery is taken at the shop under cash and carry system; and

(c) if so, whether Government would fix two different rates, one for delivery at the door of the consumer and another for delivery at agent's depot ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) The rate of LPG in Bangalore city inclusive of charges for home delivery is Rs. 61.40 per cylinder.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The cash and Carry System provides for a rebate of Re. 1/- for taking delivery at the agent's depot on the price for home delivery, for consumers who opt for this Scheme.

Oil exploration in West Champaran, Bihar

2617. SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission had conducted a survey of Champaran West in Bihar for oil exploration in 1986;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the survey has been abandoned; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) Yer, Sir.

(b) During 1985-86 field season, one seismic party was deployed in this area and 303 SLK of reflection data has been acquired.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Telephone connection in West Bengal

2618. DR. PHULRENU GUHA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of existing telephone connections in West Bengal;

(b) the number of additional telephone connections proposed to be provided during the Seventh Five Year Plan period in West Bengal; and

(c) the total amount required to meet the demand ?