

**NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) :** (a) to (c). A joint Indo-OAPEC Seminar was held in New Delhi from February 16-18, 1987, to discuss areas of cooperation between South Asian and Arab countries in hydrocarbons industry. Possibility of setting up joint ventures was one of the areas covered in the Seminar.

The Seminar has helped in exchange of information among the participating countries and in creating awareness of Indian capabilities in oil sector, to the participants from the Arab countries.

**Unit free zones for telephonic communication**

**2883. PROF NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the entire area covered by the Secondary Switching Area plan, would be treated as a 'unit free zone' or local area for telephonic communication;

(b) if so, steps taken in this regard and the likely date by which this stipulation would be implemented; and

(c) if not whether such a facility would be examined at an early date ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) :** (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration.

(a) Question does not arise.

(b) No, Sir. There is no basis or reason for examining such an uneconomic proposal.

[Translation]

**Telephone Exchange facility in Jhun Jhunu district**

**2884. SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state ;

(a) whether construction of building for telephone exchange in Jhun Jhunu is likely to be completed by 15th March, 1987; and

(b) if so, the time by which this exchange is likely to start functioning ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MONAN DEV) :** (a) Building is ready.

(b) Installation work has been taken up and is likely to be completed in 1987.

[English]

**S.T.D. service in Chirala**

**2885. SHRI C. SAMBU :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made so far in providing S.T.D. service in Chirala town of Prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) the steps taken by Government to establish STD service in Chirala; and

(a) the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) :** (a) to (c). For providing STD facility, Chirala has been planned to be connected to the Trunk Automatic Exchange at Vijayawada by means of a Microwave link. The works relating to the microwave link are under execution and orders for the equipment have been placed. The link is scheduled for commissioning in 1988-89.

**Introduction of SEEUY and SEPUP Schemes**

**2886. SHRI S. PALAKONDRAYUDU :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government introduced schemes like the Scheme for Employment for the Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY), the Programme for Urban Poor, the Self