

50% by weight made from non-conventional raw materials are charged concessional rates of excise duty.

- (iv) The facility of payment of excise duty on incremental basis for successive slabs has been extended to small paper mills from 1.4.1986.
- (v) Flexibility allowed to the industry to manufacture all varieties of paper and paper grade pulp including paper board/straw board within the overall licensed capacity.
- (vi) Requirement of Industrial Licence has been dispensed with in the case of manufacture of writing, printing and wrapping paper from agricultural residues, wastes and bagasse.
- (vii) Restrictions on export of paper and paper board have been removed.

[Translation]

Constitution of telephone advisory committee.

11-2. SHRI MANVENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the districts and the States where Telephone Advisory Committees have not been constituted so far; and

(b) the time by which the advisory Committees for the aforesaid places will be constituted ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Telecom / Telephone Advisory Committees of all the Telecom, Circles and Telephone Districts have been formed except for Amritsar Telephone District whose term has expired on 29.02.1988.

(b) Action has been initiated to re-constitute the Amritsar Telephone Advisory Committee.

[English]

Self sufficiency in oil

1193. SHRI K. S. RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India is yet far from achieving self-sufficiency in oil; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) and (b) Self sufficiency in crude oil at present is about 66% because the rate of growth of consumption of petroleum products has been far more than the rate of growth of domestic crude oil production.

Employment potential under Punjab Agro-Pepsico proposal

1194. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) how many plants will be located in Punjab and how many outside Punjab for the manufacture of snack foods under Punjab Agro-Pepsico joint ventures proposal; and

(b) how much employment is likely to be created from these plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation have stated that they propose to set up only one plant initially for snack foods in Punjab.

(b) M/s Punjab Agro Industries Corporation have informed that their proposed