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The names of the places in Barabanki and Faizabad District where PCOs and Telegraph Offices (COs) have been opened in 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 up to March 1988:

Name of District	Year	Name of Place
Barabanki	1985-86	1. Barwara
		2. Badwani
	1986-87	1. Surajpur
		2. Tejwapur
		3. Kherakumkum
		4. Sharifabad
		5. Omapur
	1987-88	1. Isroli
		2. Sathemao
		3. Malariganj
Faizabad	1985-86	1 Mundera
		2. Mahawari
		3. Amolbujurg
	1986-87	1. Burmadpur
		2. Daulatpur
		Jajal
		3. Majakamaria
		4. Rajapurpatti
	1987-88	1. Raiona
		2. Pachia
		3. Rajna
		4. Bandipur
		5. Mehraghat
		6. Hukampur
		7. Kasimpur

Power demand in Uttar Pradesh

10499. SHRI NIRMAL KHATTRI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the power requirement of Uttar Pradesh by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan;

- (b) the gap between power generation capacity and power demand in Uttar Pradesh;
 - (c) how this gap will be bridged up;
- (d) the time by which power generation in Tanda Thermal Power Project will be started; and
- 'e) the extent to which the gap between power generation and power demand will be bridged up on the commissioning of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) According to the 13th Annual Power Survey Report, the energy requirement and peak demand of Uttar Pradesh by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan are estimated at 25053 MU and 5251 MW respectively.

- (b) The gap between power generation capacity and power demand (peaking deficit) in Uttar Pradesh by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan has been estimated at 1221 MW.
- (c) The measures taken to bridge the gap in power demand and supply in Uttar Pradesh include expediting commissioning of new capacity, implementation of short-gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reducing transmission and distribution losses and implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures. Power supplies from Central Generating stations and neighbouring systems are also being arranged to the extent feasible
- (d) and (e). The Tanda Thermal Power Station, Unit 1, has already been commissioned. Units 2-4 are expected to be commissioned in 1988-89/1989-90. On commissioning of these additional units of Tanda TPS, a capacity of 330 MW will be added to the Uttar Pradesh power system.

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Energy plantation on sub-standard soil

10500. SHRI BHADRESWAR TANTI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any plan has been chalked out for energy plantation on sub-standard soil or waste land to augment the nonconventional energy sources; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has launched an all-India field level demonstration programme. Plantations of species particularly suitable for sub-standard soil or waste land and for energy purposes have been taken up in various States-Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Delhi. Himachal Pradesh. Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. This programme is being implemented through State Nodal Agencies, Forest Departments. Universities Voluntary Agencies.

Reserves of crude oil in Bombay offshore

10501. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the approximate balance reserves of crude oil in Bombay offshore including the South Bassein fields;
- (b) how long, the oil reserves may last if the exploration continues at the present ratio; and
- (c) the steps taken to undertake survey of oil in the new areas and the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND

- NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) As on 1.7.87, balance recoverable reserves of crude oil in Bombay Offshore including South Bassein were estimated at 339.31 million tonnes.
- (b) About 17 years; at the present rate of production. However, exploration is a continuous process and more reserves are expected to be added in future.
- (c) ONGC has deployed two offshore vessels viz; MV Anveshak and Sagar Sandhani, for acquisition of seismic data and one vessel, Sagarika-II, for collecting geo-chemical information. In the next two years of the 7th Five Year Plan, it is proposed to acquire about 75,000 lkm 7D and 3D seismic data.

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Telephone Connections to Exporters on priority basis

10502. SHRI MANVENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government provide telephone connections to the exporters on priority basis; and
- (b) if so, the number of exporters provided telephone connections on priority basis during the past one year?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Foreign exchange earners like manufacturers of exportable goods, individuals, firms and organisations earning foreign exchange by way of services rendered; export houses and commercial organisations earning foreign exchange, can register for one telephone connection under 'OYT-Special' category, if they earn foreign exchange equivalent to atleast Rs. 2 lakhs in a year. They can register for more connections in' OYT-Special' category depending upon the amount of their foreign exchange earnings. Telephone connections under 'OYT-Special' category