

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM):

(a) and (b). The demand for wax for manufacturing wrappers used in packaging of bread and other food products is currently more than the quantities produced in our refineries. Action has been taken for importing food grade paraffin wax to meet this gap.

Publication of Hindi Telephone Directory in Delhi Telephones

4155. SHRI RAM DHAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the publication of Hindi Telephone Directory, Delhi Telephones, has been inordinately delayed;

(b) when was the last issue published and when the next issue is due and when it will be published;

(c) the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the remedial action being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (d). Requisite information is given in the statement below.

Statement

Since its last publication in March, 1984 the Hindi issue of Delhi Telephone Directory could not be brought out, as per schedule, because :

(i) the compilation-work which was earlier done manually was no longer possible owing to large increase in the number of subscribers.

(ii) inadequate resources in availability of computerised compilation equipments in Hindi/Devnagri script.

The contract has been awarded to M/s. C.M.C. and next issue is expected by August, 1988.

[Translation]

Telecast of Advertisements in between the Chitrahaar

4156. SHRI AKHTAR HASAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for telecasting advertisements in between the Chitrahaar of half-an-hour duration by Doordarshan; and

(b) the revenue being earned or likely to be earned by Government from such advertisements ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) Commercials telecast in the middle of the programme 'Chitrahaar' receive wider viewership and are, therefore, preferred by advertisers. This also enables Doordarshan to earn more revenue by charging a higher rate for commercials so telecast.

(b) The additional revenue likely to be earned is estimated at Rs. 80 lakhs per annum.

[English]

Crude Oil finds in Arunachal Pradesh

4157. SHRI WANGPHA LOWANG : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether huge deposits of crude oil have been found at Kumsai and some other places in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much of crude oil is likely to be extracted per annum and the viability of setting up oil refinery there ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) and (c). Commercial deposits of crude oil have been found by Oil India Limited in Kumchai and Kharsang structures in Arunachal Pradesh. These structures are still at delineation stage and their full potential to produce crude oil will be known only after further exploration and delineation work has been done. Unless full

production potential of the fields is known, viability of an oil refinery cannot be assessed.

Power Plants with Yugoslavia's Help

4158. SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Yugoslavia has offered help to set up power plants in India;

(b) if so, whether an agreement with Industrial Development Bank of India has been made;

(c) whether high technology developed by Yugoslavia will be used in the power plants; and

(d) if so, the time by which the work on the power plants will be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) to (d). The Yugoslav Government had offered a line of credit for, *inter alia*, the implementation and equipment renewal of certain power projects in India. It was considered appropriate, before committing any further credit from Yugoslavia, to undertake a joint review at the level of the Yugoslav Bank for International Economic Cooperation (YBIEC) and the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) in regard to the credit utilisation and prospects of the last Yugoslav credit of US \$ 50 million extended by the YBIEC to the IDBI in April, 1987.

Production of Bengal Immunity Company Ltd.

4159. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the production of Bengal Immunity Company Limited in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to increase the production of various items of Bengal Immunity Limited as per the recommenda-

tions of the Rehabilitation package to be proposed by IRBI.

Negotiations by ONGC with State Electricity Boards

4160. DR. V. VENKATESH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has been negotiating with any State Electricity Boards and other private organisations for the use of gas; and

(b) if so, the details in this regards ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) and (b). Gas is already being supplied by ONGC to the State Electricity Boards in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Assam and Tripura as also to Tata Electric Company, Bombay. ONGC has also committed supply of gas to State Electricity Boards in Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

Opening of Head Post Office in Thane District of Maharashtra

4161. SHRI ANOOPCHAND SHAH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the norms to open a new Head Post Office; and

(b) the number of proposals pending to open new Head Post Offices in Maharashtra and particularly in Thane District and Greater Bombay ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) The norms stipulate that a new Head Post Office can be opened by upgrading one of the sub-offices if the number of Sub Offices attached to a Head Post Office exceeds 60. It is further laid down that while so doing it should be ensured that as a result of the change neither the new nor the old Head Post Office has less than 20 Sub Post Offices attached to it.

(b) There are no proposals for opening of new Head Post Offices in Thane District as well as Greater Bombay. There were