

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM):

(a) to (d). An evaluation of this scheme in some selected districts of U.P. and Orissa was conducted by Giri Institute, Lucknow in July 1987 for the cases sanctioned during 1983-84 and 1984-85 which shows that household income increased by 62.23 per cent and the per unit annual net income increased to about 21 per cent in the earnings over 1 or 2 years. The study team has observed that the SFEUY Scheme has helped in employment generation, improving the household income and has benefitted the needy persons in establishing their own ventures offering fulltime employment besides creating a favourable impact over the economic scene of the area.

Kathalguri Project in Assam

5138. PROF. PARAG CHALIHA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the factors causing transmission loss in supply of electricity ;

(b) whether transmission loss is increasing and if so, the position in this regard, State-wise and in centrally operated systems for the last three years ; and

(c) the details of the present position of the Kathalguri Project in Assam ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) and (b). The transmission losses are due to energy dissipation in the conductors used for the transmission of power and very much depend upon the loading level of the transmission lines. The continued augmentation of transmission systems is reducing the loading levels on the transmission lines thereby restricting the losses in the transmission systems.

(c) The execution of Gas-based power project at Kathalguri in Assam has been entrusted to the North-Eastern Electric

Power Corporation. Infrastructural works on the project and survey of associated transmission lines is in progress.

Installation of 25-line Exchanges

5139. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether instructions have been issued for preparing a circlewise list of sanctioned 25-line exchanges and the programme for their installation in accordance with the 10th payment (final payment) ;

(b) if so, the details of instructions issued ;

(c) the programme of Himachal Pradesh Telecom. Circle and the names of the exchanges to be taken up for installation ;

(d) whether any time limit of six months has been fixed for ensuring the installation of a 25-line SAX after the date of 10th final payment ; and

(e) whether the entire waiting list in all the SAXs sanctioned during the last three years would be wiped out by providing all the connections ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Instruction issued are given in the statement below.

(c) The new exchanges programmed for installation in Himachal Pradesh Telecom. Circle are Mair, S.P. Terrace, Rishiksh, Patlandar, Lador, Bharolikalan, Bharari, Dulehar, Salooni, Uhal, Jangleberi, Mahori, Harchakian, Jou.ajue and Rakh.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Yes, Sir. progressively subject to technical feasibility and availability of stores.

Statement**Priority in regard to opening of Rural Automatic Exchanges**

Whenever new rural automatic exchanges are to be opened on the basis of registration of demand from 10 applicants, the interse priority between exchanges should be established on the basis of date of payment of the 10th applicant.

Employees Working in BHEL, Ranipet

5140. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of employees working in BHEL plant at Ranipet, North Arcot district, Tamil Nadu;

(b) out of them, how many are from the North Arcot district and how many from other districts; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to recruit only hands from North Arcot district during the course of expansion of the above project?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALA RAO) : (a) and (b). The number of employees at the Ranipet unit of BHEL is 2634. The number of employees who have been recruited through Employment Exchange/ITI/Polytechnic/land losers category is 1766, out of the non-executive category of 2321.

(c). There is no proposal at present for expansion of the Unit. Any requirement of man-power that may arise in future will be met as per the prescribed procedure.

**Regional Programmes Telecast by
Cuttack TV Centre**

5141. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the regional programmes telecast by Cuttack TV Centre need improvement;

(b) whether the programmes sponsored by Cuttack TV Centre for National Programme also need improvement;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in that direction; and

(d) the steps taken to make regional programmes of Cuttack TV Centre popular and attractive?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H K L. BHAGAT) : (a) to (d). It has always been the endeavour of Doordarshan to improve upon its programmes including the programmes produced by Doordarshan Kendra, Cuttack. The Programme Advisory Committee attached to Doordarshan Kendra, Cuttack suggests and advises improvement in programmes telecast by that Kendra. Staff of Doordarshan Kendra, Cuttack is sponsored for attending Workshops and trainings to improve upon their skills from time to time. Surveys conducted by the Audience Research Unit and the letters received from the viewers are taken into consideration for improvement of the programmes. This is a continuous process.

Oil Production by ONGC

5142. CH. RAM PARKASH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) has achieved a record monthly crude oil production during the first six months of the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) and (b). ONGC produced 13.98 million