

(b) and (c). After nationalisation, Coal India Limited, as a whole, has been incurring losses excepting during the year 1981-82 when it earned a profit of Rs. 34.20 crores.

Losses suffered by Coal India Limited during the last three years were as under :

Year	Loss suffered (Rs. in crores)
1984-85	78.03
1985-86	404.18
1986-87	331.75

The main reasons for losses by Coal India Limited have been steep increase in the cost of production due to increase in the wage bill, increase in the cost of other inputs, like timber, explosives, petrol, oil and lubricant (POL), higher incidence of depreciation and interest charges, higher production of inferior grades of coal in the total production, etc. which have not been fully compensated by increases in administered prices effected from time to time.

#### Expansion of Telephone Industries in Kerala

5270. SHRI K MOHANDAS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to expand the existing telephone industries in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Yes, Sir. A project to expand the Electronic Switching Unit of the Indian Telephone Industries at Palghat is in progress.

(b) Project envisages production of :

— 30,000 lines per annum of Digital Trunk Automatic Exchange (DTAX) equivalent to 60,000 lines of local exchanges.

— 40,000 lines per annum of Electronic Private Automatic Branch Exchange (EPABX).  
50,000 lines per annum of Electronic Rural Automatic Exchange (ERAX).

The project was approved for a capital cost of Rs. 3372 lakhs, but is now under revision. Annual sales at full value capacity will be Rs. 6085 lakhs. The project will involve employment of 980 persons.

#### Setting up of Small Scale Industries

5271. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA :  
SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH :  
SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN :  
SHRI P.M. SAYEED :  
SHRI SAIFUDDIN  
CHOWDHARY :  
SHRI R.P. DAS :  
SHRI AJOY BISWAS :  
SHRI ANANDA PATHAK :  
SHRI ANIL BASU :  
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Businessmen launch wives through DSIDC Scheme" appeared in Hindi (Delhi Edition) of 24 February, 1988;

(b) whether the Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation and organised programmes in February, 1988 to impart training to individual entrepreneurs to set up small scale industries;

(c) if so, the number of applications received from such entrepreneurs to participate in the above programme;

(d) the details of persons who actually attended the programme, out of them how many were women participants and the background about their business;

(e) the steps Government propose to take to mitigate the difficulties encountered by the prospective industrialists; and

(f) the number of small scale units set up through the DSIDC during the last two years till 31 December, 1987?

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

(b) Yes, Sir. Under the Scheme of Entrepreneurial Development, which is a part of Technical Consultancy Organisation, training programme, exclusively for women entrepreneurs, was organised by DSIDC in collaboration of Indian Council of Women Entrepreneurs (ICWE) during the period from 22.2.1988 to 25.2.1988.

(c) Applications were received from 26 women for participation in the programme.

(d) 25 women participated in the Programme. Only two women were employed—one full time and the other part-time. The remaining 23 women were house wives or unemployed.

(e) Government is providing assistance to prospective entrepreneurs by way of financial assistance, technical know how, supply of scarce raw materials, marketing facilities for finished goods etc.

(f) During the last two years upto 31.12.87, DSIDC have allotted 103 industrial sheds under Self Financing Scheme. They have also allotted 227 work sheds in various community work centres.

#### Allotment of Petrol Pumps in Maharashtra

5272. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps allotted to Maharashtra in the current plan period; and

(b) the number of petrol pumps allotted to Ahmednagar?

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

(a) and (b). Rostering of locations is done by the Oil Industry annually in the Marketing Plans. From the year 1985-86 to date, the oil companies have allotted 93 Retail outlets (Petrol/Diesel) in Maharashtra, including 7 in Ahmednagar.

#### Oil Blockade in Assam

5273. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether oil blockade in Assam still continues; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures taken or are proposed to be taken in this regard?

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Training Programme by National Drilling Training Centre, Nagpur

5274. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Drilling Training Centre provides training at Nagpur to personnel in the field of exploratory drilling;

(b) whether the centre also conducts another induction course for drilling operations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.