

remained dead for more than 10 days during the past six months; and

(c) the action if any taken to improve the efficiency of the system and against the officials responsible ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) The telephone system of Amritsar is working satisfactorily.

(b) A total of 952 telephones remained dead for more than 10 days during the period from February, 1988 to July, 1988 at different times and different cables. These were mostly due to cable faults which took some time to repair.

(c) To improve the telecom. services action under Mission-Better Communication have been initiated of which following are the main activities;

- (i) Changing of heavy overhead lines to underground cables.
- (ii) Replacement of fault-prone cables.
- (iii) Replacement of faulty telephone instruments.
- (iv) Replacement of old and life expired electromechanical exchanges.

Every effort is being made to bring down the duration of telephone faults. Suitable departmental actions are being taken against the erring officials responsible for prolonged faults in telephone circuits.

#### Expansion of Haldia refinery

2737. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any plan for expansion of the capacity of Haldia refinery;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Expansion of Haldia Refinery is not considered feasible since it would cost as much as a grass root refinery. Further, other demand supply considerations also are not favourable for this expansion.

Enquiry into sale of Tyres by M/s. J.K. Industries Ltd., Calcutta and M/s Gupta Tyres Traders, Karnal

2738. SHRI MATILAL HANSDA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the investigation made by the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices (MRTP) Commission into the sale of tyres by M/s J.K. Industries Ltd., Calcutta and M/s. Gupta Tyre Traders, Karnal in May 1988 has been completed ;

(b) if so, the details of the findings ; and

(c) the action taken against the companies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) No, Sir. The enquiry proceeding are in progress before the Commission.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Licences issued to "No Industry Districts" in West Bengal

2739. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of licences issued to

“No Industry Districts” in West Bengal so far by Union Government; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY

OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNA-  
CHALM) : (a) and (b) During the period  
1985 to 1988 (up to June '88), 3 industrial  
licences have been granted for setting up  
industries in “No Industry Districts” in  
West Bengal. The details of these licences  
are as below :

Name of the Party/ Undertaking	Location	Item (s) of manufacture & Capacity
1. Perfact Air Pro- ducts Pvt. Ltd., Calcutta.	District Jalpaiguri	1) Oxygen Gas = 0.47 mcm 2) Nitrogen Gas = 0.47 mcm
2. Kangsabati Co-op. Spg. Mills Ltd., Calcutta.	District Bankura	Cotton Yarn = 25,080 Spindles
3. EMR polytex Ltd., Calcutta.	District Bankura	Woven PP/HDPE sacks based on Circular Looms except items reserved for small scale sector = 1,200 tonnes.

**Industrial Units in Backward Areas  
of Gujarat**

2740. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJES-  
WARI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY  
be pleased to state :

(a) whether the study entitled “Indus-  
trial policy and backward regions—a  
critical analysis” has provided an empiri-  
cal analysis of industrial units in the  
backward areas of Gujarat ;

(b) if so, whether the study covered  
Maharashtra Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and  
West Bengal ;

(c) what are the other suggestions  
made in the study report ; and

(d) to what extent they are being  
implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL

DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY  
OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNA-  
CHALAM) : (a) to (d) The information  
is being collected and will be laid down  
on the table of the House.

**Shortage of Refining Capacity**

2741. SHRI S. M. GURADDI : Will  
the Minister of PETROLEUM AND  
NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the shortage of refining  
capacity has proved expensive;

(b) if so, whether Government have  
made any decision to meet the domestic  
demand; and

(c) if so, the total shortage of the  
refining capacity and to what extent  
Government propose to improve the  
same ?