

period April-December 1984 have been as follows :—

Crude oil production	(Million tonnes)
Onshore	6.6
Offshore	14.5
Gas supplies (billion cubic metres)	2.51

The current production of crude oil meets about 70% of the country's requirement.

Net crude oil imports during the first six months of the current year have been 4.73 million tonnes (valued at Rs. 1124.6 crores). It is not in public interest to indicate place-wise production and country-wise imports.

Some of the steps for increasing crude oil production are as follows :

- (i) upgradation of the prognosticated hydrocarbon reserves to proved geological reserves in the shortest possible time;
- (ii) use of enhanced oil recovery techniques;
- (iii) intensification of work-over operations;
- (iv) intensification of exploration in less precisely known geological regions which eventually lead to enhanced production; and
- (v) induction of advanced technology.

Proposal to Engage American oil Firms for off-Shore oil Exploration

115. SHRI K.T. KOSALRAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to engage American oil firms with sub-

stantial buy-back facility for off-shore oil exploration; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) :

(a) : No, Sir,

(b) : Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Conversion of Manual Telephone Exchange in Nawada (Bihar) into Automatic Telephone Exchange

116. SHRI KUNWAR RAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a scheme for converting the Manual Telephone Exchange in Nawada (Bihar) into Automatic Telephone Exchange is proposed to be included in the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the time by which it would be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes Sir,

(b) The Scheme would be taken up for implementation in 1985-86.

[*English*]

Places Where Elections were not held

117. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the elections for Eighth Lok Sabha were not held in some places alongwith the rest of the country; and