

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Higher gauge cables/PCM Systems are to be commissioned for extending STD facility to Durgachak Exchange.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Supply of Raw Material By I.P.C.L. For manufacturing Plastic

2478. SHRI RAJ KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of raw material for manufacturing plastic produced indigenously by the Indian Petrochemicals Corporation limited (IPCL) and the quantity imported;

(b) whether the I.P.C.L. has conducted any survey of the ever increasing demand of plastic;

(c) if so, the findings of the survey and the total requirement of raw material for manufacturing plastic in the next five years;

(d) the system adopted by the I.P.C.L. for distribution of this raw materials and the names and addresses of agents/distributors appointed for this purpose;

(e) the criteria followed for sanctioning the quota of this material; and

(f) the steps taken to ensure adequate and timely supply of the raw material to the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The production by Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL) of Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE)

Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) and Polypropylene (PP) during 1988-89 is estimated to be around 80,000 MT, 44,000 MT and 40,000 MT respectively. The precise figures of imports are not available.

(b) and (c). The Government had appointed a Committee for perspective Planning of Petrochemical Industry which has placed the demand estimates for 1994-95 for LDPE PVC and PP at 482,000 MT, 485,000 MT and 286,000 MT respectively.

(d) to (f). Most of IPCL's plastic products are being supplied for certain of past off-take. Material is also supplied for certain priority sectors/applications and national programme like drought relief, flood relief, etc. besides servicing new units. Most of the quantity of IPCL's plastic products is sold through consignment stockiest, through a distribution net-work spread all over the country. Since the demand of the country is more than the production, Government has allowed import of plastic raw material under OGL.

[English]

Production of Crude Petroleum In Southern Region

2479. SHRIMATI MANEMMA ANJIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the production of petroleum crude in the southern region during the last two years and the current financial year year-wise; and

(b) the details of plans under way to increase production of petroleum crude in the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) The information is as under:-