

such as duty free import of raw material, price preference etc. are available to domestic companies desirous of entering the oil-field services sector in respect of items which continue to be imported.

Thermal Power Plant in Cochin

6991. SHRI K. MOHANDAS: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation propose to construct a Thermal Power Plant in Cochin;

(b) if so, the capacity of the proposed plant; and

(c) whether the land for this plant has been offered by Cochin Port Trust?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c). The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) have taken up studies for locating a gas-based power project at Vypeen Island in Cochin. The capacity of the proposed project would depend on the question of import of LNG and the quantum thereof. The Cochin Port Trust have suggested land, measuring about 500 acres, on the Western side of the Vypeen Island as a possible location.

Pending application for issue of Industrial licences

6992. SHRI K. MOHANDAS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any applications for grant of letters of intent/ industrial licences for setting-up of industries in Trichur district of Kerala;

(b) if so, the number of applications received and approved during 1988-89; and

(c) the number of applications pending for disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). During the years 1988 and 1989 (upto 31st March), 3 applications were received for grant of letters of intent for setting up of industries in district Trichur, Kerala State. Of these applications, one has been approved and letter of intent issued, one has been rejected and one application, registered on 7.3.1989, is under process.

Drilling Programme in Andhra Pradesh

6993. SHRI S. PALAKONDRAYUDU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drilling programme in some parts of Andhra Pradesh has been suspended;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is proposed to activate the drilling programme in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MNISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) Drilling operations in Andhra Pradesh are continuing as per the approval programme.

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

Telephone Connections in Hyderabad and Vijayawada Divisions of Andhra Pradesh

6994. SHRI MANIK REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the demand for new telephone

connections in Hyderabad and Vijayawada divisions of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the number of new telephone connections provided during that period; and

(c) the time by which the remaining connections would be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) New demand received during:

	<i>HD. DIVN.</i>	<i>VJ DIVN.</i>
1986-87	10818	2128
1987-88	13123	3603
1988-89	14552	2469

(b) Connection provided during:

	<i>HD. DIVN.</i>	<i>VJ DIVN.</i>
1986-87	4950	1199
1987-88	11775	2394
1988-89	11575	2975

(c) For Hyderabad Division the present waiting list is expected to be cleared by 1993 and for Vijayawada Division the present waiting list is expected to be cleared by 1991.

[*Translation*]

Solar Energy Plants

6995. SHRI MANKURAM SODI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the places where solar energy plants are set up and under what conditions;

(b) the agency responsible for the maintenance of these plants;

(c) whether the performance of these plants has been evaluated; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (d). 14 Solar Photovoltaic Power Plants of capacities ranging from 1 to 7 KWp and one Solar Thermal Power Plant of capacity 20 KW have been installed in the country under the Research and Demonstration Programme. The location of the Solar Energy Power Plants and the agencies responsible for the maintenance of these plants are given in the statement below.

Under the R&D Programme, Solar Thermal Power Plant of capacity 50 KW and a Photovoltaic Power Plant of 20 KW capacity in Haryana and another Photovoltaic Power Plant of 25 KW in Orissa are currently under installation. The Department has also prepared a feasibility report for setting up