

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b) Government's Policy towards import of technology is selective and based on national priorities. Import of technology is permitted in sophisticated and high priority areas, in export oriented or import substitution manufacturing or for enabling indigenous industry to update existing technology in India to meet efficiently domestic requirements and/or to become competitive in the export market.

(c) and (d) Technology selection is primarily left to the Indian Entrepreneurs/ Parties, who after exploring the alternative sources of technology and techno-economic analysis select the one that suits them the best. Thereafter, they apply for Government's approval and such an application, when received, is examined in consultation with the authorities concerned.

Calls Detached in Telephones due to Faulty Instruments

4119. SHRI RANJIT SINGH GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that 40 per cent of the calls detached in telephone are due to faulty instruments ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) It is not correct to say that 40% of the call failures are due to faulty instruments.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Self-Sufficiency in Petrol

4120. SHRI BABULAL MALVIYA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether India is marching towards self-sufficiency in the matter of petrol ;

(b) if so, whether keeping in view the above fact, Government have taken any steps to reduce the prices of petrol ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) The present production of petrol in the country is sufficient for its requirement.

(b) and (c) At present there is no proposal to reduce the price of petrol. The selling prices of petroleum products are so fixed as to ensure that the vulnerable sections using products such as kerosene oil do not have to pay the actual cost of the product. This done by cross-subsidising the prices with those of some other products like petrol, etc.

[*English*]

Installation of Telephone Tower in Koraput District

4121. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Telecommunication Circle, Orissa had selected the place in Koraput District for installation of Telephone Relay Towers of Digital Telephone net-work during Sixth Plan ;

(b) if so, the names of the places and the progress made for installation of towers so far ; and

(c) whether this scheme has been approved by his Ministry for Seventh Five Year Plan and funds have been provided during the year 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The department has identified Koraput for implementation of Integrated Digital Network.

(b) Names of the places identified are ;

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| 1. Jepore | 2. Koraput. |
| 3. Nowrangpur | 4. Rayagoda. |
| 5. Malkangiri | 6. Umerkoli. |
| 7. Sunebeda. | 8. Kotpada. |
| 9. Boriguma. | 10. Beripada. |
| 11. Domanjodi | 12. Muniguda. |
| 13. Thiruvalli | 14. Bissamcuttack. |
| 15. Gunupur. | |

Net-work plans have been prepared.

(c) No Sir. Due to non-availability of equipment and funds the scheme has not been approved yet.

Gas Filling Station and Bottling Plant at Village Shahpura

4122. SHRI AJAY MUSHRAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether former Union Minister of state for Petroleum in 1983-84 had inaugurated Bharat Petroleum and Indian Oil Corporation's installations in village Shahpura in Jabalpur district ;

(b) if so, the progress thereof ;

(c) whether gas filling station and bottling plant were included there ; and

(d) if so, the progress thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (d) The then Minister of State for Petroleum, (Shri G. S. Mishra) laid the foundation stone for the LPG filling pant of M/s. Bharat Petroleum Corporation at Shahpur in Jabalpur district on the 4th September, 1984. Civil work at the site has already started and imported bottling equipment is expected to reach shortly, while orders for storage spheres have also been placed.

[*Translation*]

Kanpur Telephones

4123. SHRI NARESH CHANDRA CHATURVEDI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about five thousand telephones in Kanpur have been out of order for weeks due to which a lot of inconvenience is being faced in making commercial calls to other cities ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which these telephones will start functioning properly ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir. It is not correct to say that 5000 telephones have been out of order for weeks in Kanpur Telephone District.

(b) However, there were a large number of telephones faulty because of cable damages due to indiscriminate digging of roads by various agencies in Kanpur. Almost all the faults in the cables have been rectified by working round the clock and telephones set right.

Multi-Purpose Petrol Pumps in U.P.

4124. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of multipurpose petrol pumps serving in Uttar Pradesh at present ;

(b) whether Government propose to increase their number in the near future ;

(c) if so, the number and location thereof and when ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) The total number of Multipurpose petrol pumps serving in Uttar Pradesh at present is 100.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Since the price differential between HSD and Kerosene, may tempt unscrupulous elements to adulterate HSD, it has been decided not to set up new MPDC,