

(c) whether more gasfields in South Bassein fields are proposed to be opened up during the Seventh Five Year plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (c) The natural gas available from the South Bassein fields will be adequate to meet the feedstock and captive power requirements of eight new fertilizer plants. It is proposed to develop a few satellite fields of South Bassein to meet the gas requirements of two gas-based power plants proposed along the HBJ pipeline route.

Electronic Exchange at Saifabad in Hyderabad

4129. SHRI D. N. REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the electronic exchange at Saifabad in Hyderabad will be completed this year ;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay ; and

(c) when this exchange is likely to be commissioned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. It is likely to be commissioned during the current financial year.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The installation of the Exchange is in progress and as stated in para (a) above, the exchange is expected to be commissioned during the current financial year.

Shortage of Blankets

4130. PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry is facing shortage of blankets as the orders placed on Government and semi-Government institutions have remained unfulfilled ; and

(b) if so, facts in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prior to 1979, three types of blankets, namely, type 'A', 'B' and 'C' with different specifications were being procured. In 1979, revised specifications were laid down prescribing only two types of blankets, namely, type 'A' and type 'B'. It was also decided to procure type 'A' blankets made only of 100% virgin wool of 40s grade quality. This was done with a view to ensuring better quality of blankets for the Army. With this specification, the life of the blanket is expected to be about 5 years which is important in view of the fact that replacement of blanket is now being done on the life cycle concept. Currently, there is a shortage of woollen blankets largely due to inadequate availability of wool of the requisite specifications needed for manufacture of type 'A' Blankets.

Serious efforts are, however, being made with the help of Departments of Textiles and Supplies as well as the State Governments concerned to bridge the gap.

Five Year Law Course

4131. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to switch over to Five Year Degree Course in law ;

(b) if so, the date of its coming into effect ; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARADWAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Sick Cylinder Manufacturing Units

4132. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :