

schemes and schemes cleared by the Central Electricity Authority. The total estimated cost of projects which would yield benefits in the Seventh Plan is estimated to be of the order of Rs. 24,000 crores. Part of this cost has already been incurred before the start of the Seventh Plan to provide part benefits in the Sixth Plan and some of the costs may spill over to the Eighth Plan for benefits in the Eighth Plan period.

[Translation]

**Complaints of embezzlement in Post Offices in Bihar circle**

354. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some people have made complaints of embezzlement in the Branch Post Office, Farzullah pur, District Gopalganj (Bihar) ;

(b) if so, the action taken so far against the guilty officers ;

(c) the number of persons whose accounts have been misappropriated in this post office and the amount so misappropriated and the number of depositors whose money has been refunded ; and

(d) whether such cases of embezzlement in many other post offices, particularly in Bihar Circle have also come to light and if so, the details in this regard ?

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

(b) The Extra Departmental Branch Postmaster, the main offender who committed Savings Bank fraud has been put off duty. The case stands reported to police.

(c) A total amount of Rs. 48,265/- in all savings bank accounts has been misappropriated and money has been refunded to only one depositor so far.

(d) Yes, Sir. In Bihar circle the

number of such pending cases which occurred at different periods of time is 156.

[English]

**Measures to prevent neo-natal deaths**

355. DR. T. KALPANA DEVI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether anti Rh immunoglobulins injections which prevent thousands of neo-natal deaths are proposed to be made available at cheaper rates like other life saving drugs ;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the alternative measures proposed to be taken by Government to prevent neo-natal deaths of Rh incompatibility ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c). Anti-Rh immunoglobulins injections are not yet manufactured in the country. However, like many life saving drugs, these injections are allowed to be imported liberally under OGL, without payment of any import duty.

**Targets for Oil exploration and production of crude by Oil India**

356. DR. T. KALPANA DEVI :

DR. B.L. SHAILESH :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil India Limited is expected to achieve its targets for the current year in respect of drilling and crude output ;

(b) if so, the broad outlines there of and the Capital outlay involved ;

(c) if not, the extent of shortfalls and the reasons therefor ; and

(d) the targets fixed for 1986-87 and the measures proposed to be taken to ensure that these targets are achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND

NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) to (c). The broad outlines of the likely achievement vis-a-vis targets in respect of the physical programmes of OIL for 1985-86 are as follows :

|                                    | Target | Anticipated Achievement | Percentage shortfall |
|------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| (i) Crude Production (MMT)         | 3.03   | 2.73                    | 90                   |
| (ii) Drilling metrage (000 metres) | 170.7  | 117.4                   | 69                   |

The shortfall in crude production was mainly due to the ageing of Moran and Naharkatia oil fields, lesser development drilling due to delay in delivery of rigs, unanticipated field problems at Jorajan, etc. The shortfall in drilling was mainly due to delay in delivery and commissioning of indigenous rigs, deferment in drilling programme in Mahanadi, Rajasthan and Andaman offshore.

The Plan outlay for 85-86 for OIL was Rs. 280 crores. The revised outlay is Rs. 188 crores.

(d) The targets for 1986-87 (provisional) are as follows :

|                                    |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| (i) Crude production (MMT)         | 2.99  |
| (ii) Drilling metrage (000 metres) | 180.9 |

The measures proposed to be taken to achieve the targets are :

- (1) Increased tempo of developmental drilling/exploratory drilling.
- (2) Acceleration of workover efforts.
- (3) Meeting greater requirement of artificial lift by putting more wells on gas lift by installation of compressors as well as by installation of pumps.
- (4) Increased effort for pressure maintenance by water and gas injections.

(5) Carrying out study of the new developing field (Jorajan) to maximise production.

(6) Increasing well productivity by fracturing pay-zones, and taking care of sand-production which impedes regular production.

#### Use of fibre optics technology for pipeline

357. DR. T. KALPNA DEVI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether fibre optics technology for pipelines is being introduced by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited as reported in 'The Times of India' of 4th February, 1986 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether this technology involves imports of raw material and the foreign exchange ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The system, as installed on the Bombay-Pune pipeline consists of the following :