

Delhi Gas Company and Natural Gas Company are not subsidiary firms of the erstwhile Kosan Gas Company, but are their distributors holding agency status.

(b) The proposed pay scales of employees of Kosan Gas Company are under review. Currently, in terms of the provisions of the Kosan Gas Company (Acquisition of Undertaking) Act, 1979, the same salary and other benefits are being paid to all the employees of the erstwhile Kosan Gas Company as were being given to them prior to the take over.

(c) The present pay scales of the employees of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Lt. are as under:—

Supervisory :

- (1) Rs 725—1405
- (2) Rs 1025—1625
- (3) Rs 1425—1805
- (4) Rs. 1575—1935
- (5) Rs. 1850—2250
- (6) Rs 2000—2500
- (7) Rs 2250—2750
- (8) Rs 2500—3000

Clerical :

- (1) Rs 570—1175
- (2) Rs. 630—1255
- (3) Rs 685—1360

Sanitation Drive in Villages

656. SHRI JAI NARAIN: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to start aggressive sanitation drive in the villages;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) As per programme of the Sixth Plan 1978—83, there is no proposal to start aggressive sanitation drive in the villages.

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

Convention on manufacture and Distribution of Agricultural Tools, Machinery and Equipment

657. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers which held its convention recently has forwarded certain recommendations for providing infrastructural facilities for the manufacture, distribution and provision of supporting facilities for agricultural tools, machinery and equipment; and

(b) if so, the recommendations which have been accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) No Sir, the recommendations of the Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers which held its 17th Annual Convention on the theme of "Engineering for Small Farmers" on 6—8 February, 1980 at New Delhi, have not yet been received by the Government.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

Telephone connections in Maharashtra

658. SHRI UTTAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many new telephone connections have been provided in the Maharashtra State, district-wise, during the year 1977-78; and