

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b). The ONGC drilled an exploratory well 60 Kms. North-West of Cochin to a depth of approximately 1755 metres during April-May, 1978. This well proved dry. They drilled a well on another structure namely Kasargod to the North of Calicut to a depth of 2733 metres during April-May, 1980. This well has also proved dry.

Geophysical survey has been conducted in the shelf area between Calicut and Mangalore on contract basis during February-April, 1980. Arrangements to process and interpret the data obtained by this survey are being made. Further exploratory programme will depend upon the evaluation of this data.

Supply of Kerosene in drought affected Districts of Orissa

1822. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state whether the Central Government have made efforts to have adequate stocks and ensure the supply of kerosene to the common people on fair price shops in the drought affected districts of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): The Central Government makes allocation of kerosene to the States and Union Territories on a monthly basis. The retail distribution of this product through fair price shops or other outlets to the different parts of Orissa State, including the drought-affected districts of the State, is the responsibility of the State Government.

Opening of New Radio and T.V. Stations

(a) whether Government are pre-Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are preparing a scheme to expedite the

opening of the new radio stations in different parts of the country within the next 10 years;

(b) if so, how many stations are likely to be opened and names of those places; and

(c) whether Government are also planning to open new Television Station during next 10 years, if so how many T.V. Stations are going to be opened and with what cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b). The setting up of new stations depends upon the availability of resources and relative priorities. The approved Plan for 1978-83 provided for the setting up of the following new stations:—

1. Tura in Meghalaya
2. Gangtok in Sikkim
3. Agra in Uttar Pradesh
4. Madurai in Tamil Nadu
5. Jamshedpur in Bihar

Provision has also been made for setting up district level radio stations at 5 centres in the country. Tentatively it has been decided to locate these at:

1. Kota in Rajasthan
2. Diphu in Assam
3. Keonjhar in Orissa
4. Adilabad in Andhra Pradesh
5. Nagarcoil in Tamil Nadu

The preparation of the new Five Year Plan (1980-85) is, however, in process.

(c) Plans for expansion of TV service in the country by relaying programmes through INSAT, setting up relay centres on P and T microwave link routes and additional T.V. centres in other parts of the country are yet to be finalised for the VIth Five Year Plan (1980-85). The approved Plan for 1978-83, however, provides for the