

(ख) सार्वजनिक टेलीफोनो की व्यवस्था हेतु महत्वपूर्ण केन्द्रीय ग्राम निर्धारित करने के लिए निम्न क्रम में बरीयता दी जाएगी :

- (i) जनजातीय विकास खंड मुख्यालय
- (ii) जिन स्थानों पर जहां लेम्प्स (बड़े आकार की बहुदेशीय सहकारी समितियाँ) स्थापित हैं ; और
- (iii) ग्रामीण उद्योगों और / अथवा व्यापक कृषि विकास हेतु सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के लिए स्थानीय जनजाति विकास विभागों द्वारा निर्धारित केन्द्र ।

2. यदि प्रस्तावित कार्यालय को 8 किलोमीटर की दूरी के अन्दर पहले से ही अन्य तारघर कार्य कर रहा हो तो हानि पर कोई भी तार घर नहीं खोला जाना चाहिए ।

#### Synthetic Oil from Coal

2266. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) did Sir J. C. Ghosh Committee recommend for going in for synthetic Oil i.e., from coal to oil;

(b) did the Committee say that synthetic oil would be cheaper than imported oil;

(c) did the Committee recommend that a pilot plant for synthetic oil be set up at Raniganj;

(d) if so, why was it not implemented;

(e) will Sir. J. C. Ghosh Committee report be laid on the Table of the House; and

(f) if not, why not?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (f). The synthetic Oil Committee (1956) headed by Dr. J. C. Ghosh recommended the setting up of a low temperature carbonisation plant in Bengal coalfield for production of soft coke for domestic fuel and for utilisation of bye-product tar for the production of motor spirit, fuel oil etc. The committee was of the view that motor

fuels can be produced at costs equivalent to landed cost of imported petrol (as per price prevailing in 1956). The project was not taken up due to easy availability of cheap imported crude at that time. Five copies of the Report of Dr. J. C. Ghosh Committee 1956 have been placed in the Parliament library for reference by Members of Parliament. The index number allotted to the above publication is 662.66 R(R 41820 (1-5) J.6. But Government of India is considering proposals for conversion of coal to oil.

#### Meeting of Joint Bipartite Committee for Coal Industry

2267. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Joint Bipartite Committee for coal industry recently met at Calcutta;

(b) if so, whether the meeting made an assessment of the coal output for the current year; and

(c) if so, the target for the current year and performance balance sheet till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.