(स) जलाई गई गैस का भारित प्रौसत विकय मूल्य के ग्राधार पर कुल मूल्य लगभग 79.08 करोड़ रुपये बैठता है।

Postal Expertise to other Developing Countries

2657. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have offered their postal expertise to other developing countries;
- (b) if so, the names of the countries which have accepted India's offer;
- (c) when definite projects in this regard are proposed to be worked out; and
 - (d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNI-CATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. Recently, a three member delegation had gone to Saudhi Arabia to explore possibility of offering consultancy services by Indian postal experts for improvement for the postal services in Saudi Arabia in response to a request made by Saudia Arabian Administration. Certain areas of postal services on which we are in a position to offer our expertise have been spelt out.

Similar suggestions to offer our postal expertise have also been extended to the postal administration of Nigeria through a letter addressed to them.

- (b) No response accepting the offers has so far been received.
 - (c) and (d). Does not arise.

Shortage of Kerosene and LPG in Bangalore

2658. SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there is an acute shortage of kerosene in the city of Bangalore and also in the supply of LPG gas;
- (b) if so, the extent of shortages in regard to both for the last three months, with reasons for the same;
- (c) the number of LPG applications pending sanction during 1981 and how many of them will be covered during the next three months; and
- (d) what is the demand preferred by Government of Karnataka for Kerosene for domestic use during 1981 and how much of it could be actually met and the steps proposed to remove the bottleneck; if any?

THE MINISTER OF PETRO-LEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTI-LIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHAN-KAR): (a) and (b). No specific report of shortage of kerosene in the city of Bangalore has been received from the State Government.

There have been reports of marginal shortage of LPG during January/February, 1982 because of inadequate supply from the Bharat Petroleum Corporation because of partial production in its refinery at Bombay.

(c) About 47,000 LPC applications are pending for sanction during 1981 in city of Bangalore. About 5000 connections are planned to be released during January to March, 1982.