

Oil Wells under Production

*365. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of oil wells under production as on the 30 June, 1982 and the quantity of oil produced during the last three years; and

(b) the number of new wells that are expected to be drilled in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) One thousand and ninety six oil wells were on production on June 30, 1982. The quantity of oil produced during the last three years (from 1979-80 to 1981-82) was 38.37 million tonnes.

(b) The total number of wells (both exploratory and development) planned to be drilled during 1982-83 is 213.

Opening and Upgradation of Branch Post Offices in Bihar

3799. SHRI BHOGEN德拉 JHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 9833 on 27th April, 1982 re. Opening and upgradation of branch post offices in Bihar and state :

(a) whether information with regard to the upgradation of Basfi, Baraha and Siwri Branch Post Offices and for opening of new branch post offices at Manoharpur (Umagon Block), Marukea (Khajouli Block) Ganguli (Benipatti Block), have since been collected and decisions taken thereof ;

(b) if so, the details thereabout ;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay ; and

(d) whether it is proposed to construct its own building for Divisional HQs., at Madhubani and sub-post office at Benipatti ; if so, details thereabout ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Details are as follows :

(i) Basfi extra departmental sub post office does not justify upgradation to the status of departmental sub post office as the existing workload of that office is only 3 hours and 29 minutes as against a minimum of 5 hours per day as prescribed by the Department.

(ii) Baraha and Simiri extra departmental branch post offices are not eligible to be upgraded to the level of even extra departmental sub post offices as their existing workload is 2 hours 58 minutes and 2 hours 22 minutes respectively as against a minimum of 4 hours per day required as per departmental norms. The question of upgrading them either as extra departmental sub offices or as departmental sub offices does not arise for the present.

(2) According to the norms prescribed by the Department in rural areas a village should have a minimum of 2000 population to be eligible for a branch post office. This condition can be relaxed only in case of Gram Panchayat villages. Further, no new post office is opened in a rural area within a distance

of 3 Kms. from an existing post office. In the light of these norms, opening of post offices in Manoharpur and Marukia is not justified for the following reasons :

Manoharpur in Umgaon block is not a Gram Panchayat village and the population is 1673. The nearest post office B. Parsa is only at a distance of 2 Kms. from this village. Similarly Marukia in Kha-juouli block is also not eligible for a post office since the nearest post office Gobraura is only at a distance of 2 Kms. from the village.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Madhubani Postal Division has been created recently. There is need to construct departmental accommodation for this Division. However, the project regarding construction of departmental accommodation for this Division has not been included in the programme for 6th Five Year Plan (1980-85). There is need for construction of departmental accommodation at Benipatti sub post office also and it is proposed to construct departmental building for this sub post office during the 6th Five Year Plan (1980-85).

Upgradation of Jangal Beri and Qasba Kotla EDSOS

3800. SHRI NARAIN CHAND PARASAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Jangal Beri (Hamirpur) and Qasba Kotla (Dehra) EDSOS have since been upgraded to the states of D.S.O's, on the payment of NRC by the State Government;

(b) if so, the date w.e.f. which they have been upgraded; and

(c) if not, the likely date for upgradation and reasons for delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b). (i) Jangal Beri (Hamirpur) : No Sir.

(ii) Qasba Kotla (Dehra): Yes Sir, w.e.f. 1-7-1982

(c) Jangal Beri (Hamirpur): The Himachal Pradesh State Government have not yet conveyed their acceptance to the payment of Rs. 6733.20 on account of non-returnable contribution for its upgradation as a departmental sub post office. Action to upgrade Jangal Beri Extra Departmental Sub Post Office into a departmental sub post office will be taken on credit of the amount of non-returnable contribution by the State Govt.

Provision of Community Sets for live telecast of Asiad, 82

3802. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that during the Delhi Asiad, Government have proposed for live telecast throughout the country and a number of community sets will be provided for people of remote areas in the country; and

(b) if so, which are the States or Union Territories where these facilities will be provided, which details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). The opening and closing ceremony of the Asian Games will be telecast live as also the major events of the day. In addition, daily capsules of highlights will also be telecast. A 45 minutes capsule of