

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that this unit produces 100 per cent of installed capacity so that foreign exchange is not drained in the import of synthetic rubber?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) to (c). The production of Styrene Butadiene Rubber (SBR) by Synthetics & Chemicals Ltd., Bareilly, during the year 1979-80, 1980-81 and 1981-82 was about 20,000, 18,100 and 16,000 tonnes respectively. The licensed capacity of the unit is 30,000 tonnes per annum.

Shortage of raw materials and market constraints were reported to be the main reasons for low level of production of SBR.

The demand for SBR is more than its indigenous availability.

Opening of new public call offices in Districts of Bihar.

4761. **SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing;

(a) full list of the functioning and proposed P.C.Os. in the districts of Madhubani, Darbhanga, Sitamurhi and Samastipur in Bihar; and

(b) in how many of the above P.C.Os. not a single call has materialised upto now?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House later.

Re Advertising of LPG agencies reserved for tribal unemployed

4762. **SHRI BHEEKHABHAI: SHRI G. S. REDDY:**

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations for re-advertising LPG agencies reserved for tribal unemployed graduates for Durgapur and Banswara districts have been received;

(b) whether it is a fact that investigation authorities have recommended names of some unemployed graduates; with details thereof;

(c) if so, the reasons why the unemployed graduates have not been selected so far; and

(d) whether it is a fact that norms/terms and conditions for ST candidates are similar to those of Scheduled Castes and general categories?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The LPG distributorships to be awarded under 1981-82 plan at Durgapur and Banswara are reserved for Scheduled Tribes and not for unemployed graduates. The distributorship at Durgapur has already been awarded to a person belonging to Scheduled Tribe and that for Banswara is under finalisation.

(d) The question of norms/terms and conditions for award of dealerships to Scheduled Castes & Tribes being different or similar does not arise, since certain percentage of dealerships are earmarked only for these categories.

Posts in Ministry of Energy and Reservation for SCs/STs

4763. **SHRI R. N. RAKESH:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of posts in each grade/cadre (category-wise) in the Ministry of Energy and amongst them how many posts are reserved for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (Category-wise);

(b) the total number of employees belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes now working on reserved posts (category-wise) excluding those who had been promoted to the next higher grade either on *ad-hoc* or regular basis;

(c) the total number of reserved posts for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes unfilled (Category-wise) and the reasons thereof; and