

Further Raising of Tariff by D.V.C.

4802. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that the D.V.C. is contemplating to raise its power tariff again by about 5 p.c.;

(b) is it also a fact that power tariff of D.V.C. was raised just about a year back;

(c) if the answer to both (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, on what basis was the last tariff worked out; and

(d) the reasons why that is being changed so soon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (d) DVC last revised the tariff w.e.f. 1-7-1981 after an interval of about 7 years. Further raise of 7 paise per Kwh in overall rate is contemplated now. Tariff is related to costs of generation and has to change when costs increase, and investment requirements are to be met.

Free Trunk Calls to Local Businessmen at Agartala telephone exchange

4803. SHRI AJOY BISWAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a racket has been developed in the Agartala Telephone Exchange to provide free trunk calls to the local businessmen;

(b) whether Government have made any inquiry into the matter; and

(c) what steps have been taken to stop this practice?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) to (c). No, Sir. Strict supervision is being carried on to detect passing of free trunkcalls. If any instance is observed, necessary deterrent administrative action is taken against the employee fault.

Use of new Floating Platform by O.N.G.C.

4804. SHRI R. P. DAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) is there any proposal to use new floating platform by the ONGC; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Achievement of Target of ONGC

4805. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the plan of ONGC to drill 186 wells involving a total of 437,644 metres for achieving the target of 17.91 million tonnes of oil in 1982-83 along with a gas production of 1871.53 million cubic metres; and

(b) the steps being taken to augment the welfare measures for the employees so that these targets can be fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) The details of the exploration and production programme of ONGC as per the Annual Plan 1982-83 are as follows:

	Wells	Metrage	Planned oil production (million tonnes)	Planned gas supply (million cubic metres)
Onshore	110	2,71,644	5.80	900.00
Offshore	76	1,66,000	12.11	971.53
TOTAL	186	4,37,644	17.91	1871.53