

which have been paralysed due to power shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Number of Customers Registered with Indane Gas in South Delhi

689. SHRI F. H. MOHSIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of customers who had registered for Indane Gas connections with Indane dealers in South Delhi colonies of R. K. Puram and Anand Niketan during February 1979;

(b) how long it will take to provide connections to these customers on the waiting list during the current year; and

(c) up till what date of registration in February made with the dealers referred to in (a) above, connections have already been provided or are likely to be provided during the next 2—3 months?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) 867 persons had registered themselves for cooking gas (LPG) connections with the Indane distributors in the South Delhi colonies of R. K. Puram and Anand Niketan during February, 1979.

(b) and (c). No new LPG connections have been released in the area against the registrations made during February, 1979 as only the bookings upto January, 1979 have been covered so far. The waiting lists for LPG connections are being cleared progressively depending on the availability of LPG.

Shortage of Postal and Revenue Stamps

690. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of postage stamps and revenue stamps in certain parts of the country.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures are being taken to meet the demand of these stamps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) According to available information no shortage of Postage Stamps has been reported recently from any part of the country. However revenue stamps were reported short in some parts of Kerala and Andhra Pradesh.

(b) This was a temporary shortage due to inadequate supply received from the Indian Security Press.

(c) Action has already been taken to replenish supply from the India Security Press.

माइक्रोवेव प्रणाली और एस. टी. डी. प्रणाली द्वारा बस्तर जिले को भोपाल के साथ जोड़ना

691. श्री लक्ष्मण कर्मा : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के कितने जिले राज्य की राजधानी भोपाल से एस. टी. डी. द्वारा जुड़े हुए हैं;

(ख) क्या बस्तर जिले (मध्य प्रदेश) को भोपाल से माइक्रोवेव प्रणाली और टेलीक्स प्रणाली से जोड़ने और इस जिले को एस. टी. डी. की सुविधा देने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ताकि इस पिछड़े क्षेत्र के लोगों को भी देश के अन्य भागों के साथ टेली-फोन से सम्पर्क स्थापित करने का अवसर मिल सके;

(ग) क्या सरकार का विचार प्राथमिकता के आधार पर इस कार्य को क्रियान्वित करने का है; और

(घ) यदि हाँ, तो यह काम कब तक आरम्भ करने की संभावना है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाना): (क) इस समय पांच जिला मुख्यालय एस. टी. डी. से भोपाल के साथ जुड़े हुए हैं ।

(ख) (1) माइक्रोवेव-जगदलपुर (बस्तर का जिला मुख्यालय) को राय-पुर से जोड़ने के लिए एक नैरो बैंड माइक्रोवेव लिंक का प्रस्ताव है । रायपुर माइक्रोवेव लिंक बरास्ता नागपुर और जबलपुर द्वारा भोपाल के साथ पहले से ही जुड़ा हुआ है ।

(2) टेलेक्स-फिलहाल बस्तर जिले में टेलेक्स प्रणाली की संस्थापना करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(3) एस. टी. डी.-एस. टी. डी. सुविधाओं के लिए जगदलपुर को रायपुर के प्रस्तावित टी. ए. एक्स से जोड़ने के प्रस्ताव पर विचार किया जा रहा है ।

(ग) प्रस्तावों को चालू वित्तीय वर्ष में शामिल किया गया है ।

(घ) (1) माइक्रोवेव-माइक्रोवेव योजना पहले से ही क्रियान्वित की जा चुकी है

(11) टेलेक्स-प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता, क्योंकि इस समय टेलेक्स प्रणाली की स्थापना का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(3) एस. टी. डी.-एसी संभावना है कि रायपुर टी. ए. एक्स. चालू योजना के अन्तर्गत कार्य प्रारम्भ कर देगा ।

Generation of Power in Bihar particularly North Bihar

962. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the reply given to

Unstarred Question No. 9837 on 27-4-1982 regarding generation of power in Bihar particularly North Bihar and state:

(a) what are the respective installed capacity, actual generation and actual consumption in terms of megawatt or kilowatt of power from thermal and hydel sources in Bihar and in the country as a whole and what specific efforts are being made to bring Bihar to the All India level;

(b) whether transfer of engineers trained abroad for generation to distribution side, low quality coal, corruption in high places etc., are accountable for low generation, large scale theft and leakage etc.; and

(c) if so, ameliorative steps undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Electrification of Villages in Gujarat

693. SHRI MOHAN LAL PATEL: SHRI NAVIN RAVANI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages in Gujarat State electrified upto 31st March, 1982,

(b) the total number of villages in Gujarat which are yet to be electrified,

(c) the target fixed for the year 1982-83;

(d) whether there is any proposal to provide free electricity to Harijans and poor sections of the society in villages or to give them some concessions;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the number of persons benefited till date?