

(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 रायपुर 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?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b). Out of a total number of 18,275 villages in the State of Gujarat, 13,429 villages constituting 73.5 per cent have been electrified upto the end of March, 1982. Thus, the number of villages remaining to be electrified as on that date amounts to 4846.

(c) During 1982-83, 1260 villages are proposed to be electrified in Gujarat.

(d) and (e). According to the report received from Gujarat State Electricity Board, the Board does not provide free electricity to any sector of the society in any village. However, Rural Electrification Corporation has been providing financial assistance for the schemes aimed at electrification of trafication Corporation has been pro-
trified villages at concessional rate of interest of 5 per annum. The fulfilment of the viability norms which is normally applicable in other categories of scheme is not insisted upon in the case of the schemes for electrification of Harijan bastis. REC has sanctioned 32 schemes involving loan assistance of Rs. 0.52 crores for electrification of harijan bastis adjoining already electrified villages in Gujarat upto the end of March, 1982. These schemes aimed at electrification of 1792 harijan bastis of which 1668 harijan bastis have been electrified. Besides, under the rural electrification schemes formulated by the State Electricity Boards/State

Governments which come up for financial assistance from the Corporation, it is generally ensured that whenever there is provision for street light, harijan bastis adjoining the villages covered under the schemes are also included for extension of electricity along with the main village.

Requirement of Petroleum

694. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the basis of assessing the requirements of petroleum in the country.

(b) the gap between the requirements and the production at present; and

(c) the amount spent for importing oil during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) The demand of crude oil are assessed on the basis of the anticipated achievable refinery through puts and the requirements for inventory build-up. The requirements of refined petroleum products are estimated on the basis of the pastconsumption trend, future outlook for product-wise growth inventory-build up requirements and the storage/handling losses.

(b) The details are as under:

Item	Estimated requirement for 1982-83	Estimated indigenous production for 1982-83
Crude	31.70 million tonnes	20.95 million tonnes
Petroleum products	35.71 million tonnes	31.80 million tonnes

(c) The amounts spent on the import of crude and petroleum products during the last 3 year are given below:—

	(Rs. in crores)		
	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82
Crude Oil	*2187.53	*3348.97	*3712.77
Petroleum Products	*1082.39	*1917.52	*1472.27
	*3269.92	*5266.49	*5185.04

*The figures are provisional.