

them and to remove anomalies, ambiguities and inequities.

(c) To recommend to the Government measure for bringing the statute book up-to-date by repealing obsolete laws and enactments or parts thereof which have outlived their utility.

Gas Agencies in Haryana

1552. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new gas agencies are likely to be opened in Haryana during the current year; and

(b) if so, their number and location?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 24 LPG distributorships are proposed to be appointed in Haryana by the Oil Companies during this year. The locations are given below:

Hansi	
Fatehabad	Bahadurgarh(2)
Shahbad	Hissar
Palwal	Karnal
Ambala(2)	Panipat
Jhajjar	Rohatak
Rewari	Faridabad(2)
Kaithal	Kalka
Panchkula(2)	Mahendragarh
Sonepat	Jagadhari
	Gurgaon

Linking of towns of Haryana State with Delhi by S.T.D.

1553. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the names of towns in the State of Haryana which are

under plan to be linked by S.T.D. with Delhi during 1983-84?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): The following towns in Haryana are likely to be linked by S.T.D. with Delhi during 1983-84:

(1) Yamunanagar.

(2) Sirsa.

(3) Rewari.

Rural Electrification Schemes in Orissa

1554. SHRI RASA BEHARI BEHERA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes for rural electrification undertaken by Orissa during the last two years and the amount sanctioned for the schemes, scheme-wise, year-wise;

(b) the details of the results achieved during last two years by implementing these schemes and the number of villages electrified under these schemes, district-wise; and

(c) the details of the programme being undertaken in Orissa for rural electrification during the next two years and the allocation made therefor, scheme-wise and number and percentage of villages to be electrified in Orissa, year-wise, district-wise?

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

News dailies . . published from . . Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Sambalpur (Orissa)

1555. SHRI RASA BEHARI BEHERA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Oriya news dailies published from Cuttack, Bhubaneswar and Sambalpur, Orissa with their circulation; and

(b) quantum of newsprint sanctioned to these dailies, with details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND

BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The information is given in the attached statement.

Statement

List of Oriya News Dailies published from Cuttack, Bhubaneshwar and Sambalpur

Name of Oriya dailies	Circulation as on 31-12-1981	Quantity of Newsprint issued during 1982-83 (in metric tonnes)
<i>Published from Bhubaneshwar</i>		
1. Dharitri	22,096	222.12
2. Dinalipi	7,208	58.83
3. Swarajya	18,334	Nil*
<i>Published from Cuttack</i>		
1. Samaj	83,839	1,804.18
<i>Published from Sambalpur</i>		
1. Katusatva	1,000	Nil*
2. Kosala	2,000	Nil*
3. Kisan Mazdoor	Not supplied	Nil*

*No newsprint was allocated as no application was received.

State Electricity Boards showing poor Financial performance

1556. SHRI R. P. DAS: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) which of the State Electricity Boards have shown poor financial performance from the very date of their inception; and

(b) the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI CHAN-

DRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) and (b). The losses/profits of the different State Electricity Boards based on the audited accounts as on 1st April, 1979 is given in the statement enclosed. Delay in the execution and commissioning of new projects, under-utilisation of the existing generation capacity, high transmission and distribution losses and unremunerative tariffs in respect of some categories of consumers have, *inter-alia*, have affected the overall performance of the SEBs.