

As a result of these efforts oil/gas was struck in Gujarat, Assam, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Orissa in on-shore areas and West Coast and East Coast off-shore areas.

NOTE : SLK : Standard Line
Kilometres

LK : Line Kilometres

Cochin Oil Refinery

2274. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) when the Cochin Oil Refinery was established and what is its annual production ;

(b) whether Government are having any expansion scheme of the Cochin Oil Refinery ; and

(c) if so, the details and the progress made in that direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA) :

(a) and (b) Cochin Refineries Ltd. was incorporated as a public limited Company on September 6, 1963 with an installed capacity of 2.5 million tonnes of crude per annum. The present capacity of the refinery is 3.3 million tonnes per annum. Government have approved the proposal for expansion of the present refining capacity to 4.5 million tonnes per annum with Secondary Processing Facilities involving installation of a Fluid Catalytic cracking unit of 1 million tonne capacity.

(c) The work connected with the Secondary Processing and capacity expansion Projects is progressing well, and are scheduled for completion in 1984.

Expansion of Postal Services in 1983-84

2275. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT : Will the Ministry of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Planning Commission has allocated a total outlay of Rs. 36 crores for expansion of postal services in 1983-84 ;

(b) the amount that would be spent for construction of postal buildings, staff quarters and rural postal facilities ;

(c) whether the expansion of rural postal/telecommunication network suffers due to lack of mechanisation and modernization ; and

(d) how much money would be spent on the above in Madhya Pradesh in the year 1983-84.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 2962 lacs.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Rs. 183.85 lakhs.

Poor Reception of A.I.R. Programmes in Nowgong, Assam

2276. SHRI BISHNU PRASAD : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any complaint about the poor reception of A.I.R. programmes in Nowgong, Assam ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the steps taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION