

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. NEELALOHI-
THADASAN 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

AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKAR-JUN) : (a) and (b) Representations have been received from time to time regard-ing provision of better coverage and signal strength in the N. E. region including Assam. So far as Nowgong is concerned a major portion of the District including the Nowgong Town-ship is within the primary grade day time coverage of the 50 KW MW trans-mitter at Gauhati.

During the 6th Plan, the power of one of the short-wave transmitters at Gauhati is proposed to be increased from 10 KW to 50 KW. After the completion of this project, the coverage and signal strength in the entire State of Assam including Nowgong, is expected to be improved further.

Private Sector in the Field of Communication

2277. SHRI BISHNU PRASAD : Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-TIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have been urging the private sector to enter in the field of Communication ; and

(b) if so, what is the response ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICA-TIONS (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

तेल तथा प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग द्वारा भारी लाभ का अर्जन

2278. श्री मोती भाई आर० चौधरी :
श्री रवीन्द्र बर्मा :
श्री बापूसाहिब परूलकर :

क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तेल तथा प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग ने पिछले वित्तीय वर्ष में भारी लाभ कमाया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी तथ्य क्या है ;

(ग) क्या इस लाभ को देखते हुए उप-भोक्ताओं को भी सीधे इसका लाभ मिलेगा ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी योजना का व्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

ऊर्जा मंत्रालय के पेट्रोलियम विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गार्गी शंकर मिश्र) : (क) और (ख) 1982-83 के लिए तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग के, कर के बाद, लाभ का अनुमान 692 करोड़ रुपये लगाया गया है।

(ग) और (घ) लाभ को आयोग के आंतरिक साधनों में डाल दिया गया है और इसका प्रयोग तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग के बढ़े हुए तेल की खोज और अन्य संचालन खर्च को पूरा करने के लिए किया जायेगा।

Establishment of New Unit to Manufacture Telephone Equipment

2279. SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Telephone Industries is considering to establish new units to manufacture equipments in the country in near future ;

(b) the number of such units likely to be set up and the sites selected ;