DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). ONGC is conducting exploration in the Eastern India in Upper Assam, Assam-Arakan Fold Belt and Bengal Basin. The details of exploratory programme of ONGC in these areas during the year 1984-85 are as under :

(i) Upper Assam and Assam Arakan Fold Belt

ONGC plans to deploy 6 geological, 1 gravity magnetic and 12 seismic parties for conducting exploratory surveys. It is proposed to drill 23 exploratory wells with a total drilling to 83,000 metres.

(ii) West Bengal

It is planned to deploy 1 gravity magnetic and 7 seismic parties in this basin. It is proposed to drill three exploratory wells with a total drilling of 15500 metres.

(d) and (e). Yes, Sir. Preparatory work has started.

फर्रुक्खाबाद (उत्तर प्रदेश) में नये टेलीफोन कनेक्शन

8504. श्री दया राम शाक्य क्या संचार
मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में फष्क्काबाद से कुल कितने लोगों ने टेलीफोन कनेक्शन लेने के लिए पंजी-करण कराया है ;

(ख) फरूक्काबाद में 1978 से लेकर आज तक कुल कितने टेलीफोन कनेक्शन दिए गए हैं और कितने लोगों के मामले अभी विचाराधीन हैं; और

(ग) सरकार ढारा 1984-85 के दौरान कितने टेलीफोन कनेक्शन दिए जा रहे हैं ?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री विजय एन० पाटिल) : (क) फरुक्खाबाद नगर में ट्रेलीफोन कनेक्शन के लिए प्रतीक्षा सूची में दर्ज आवेदकों की संख्या 31-3-1984 तक ''शून्य'' है ।

(ख) वर्ष 1978 से अब तक प्रदान किए गए टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों की वर्षवार संख्या इस प्रकार है :—

1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	
55	30	41	
1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	
12	02	75	
विचाराधीन-	12		

(ग) चूंकि वहां कोई प्रतीक्षा सूची नहीं है, इस-लिए प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Amount Paid to Distributors of Oriya Song Sequences to Delhi Doordarshan Kendra

8505. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the names of different film distributors who supplied Oriya song sequences to the Delhi Doordarshan Kendra for Regional Chitrahar during the last three years;

(b) the total amount paid to each of them during that period, year-wise;

(c) the total number of weeks for which programmes were accepted from each of them during that period; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) to (d). The Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Inter-connected Companies of Twenty Large Industrial Houses

8506. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COM-PANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state the equity share-holding in the various companies and their inter-connected companies controlled by the first twenty large Industrial Houses, as on 31-12-1983 or as per latest information available with his Ministry, by :

(i) Group persons;

(ii) Financial Institutions; and

(iii) Others?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGAN NATH KAUSHAL) : Information regarding equity shareholding in various companies and their inter-connected companies controlled by the first 20 large industrial houses, as on 31-12-1983 is not avallable. The latest information available with the Department in respect of the equity shareholding by group persons, Financial Institutions and others in various companies registered under the MRTP Act as on 31-12-1980 and belonging to the first 10 large industrial houses is already furnished in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 235 answered on 26-7-1983.

Opening of Branch Post Offices, Sub-Post Offices and Head Post Offices in Koraput District of Orissa

8507. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Branch Post Offices, Sub-Post Offices, and Head Post Offices opened in Koraput district of Orissa so far and proposed to be opened during the year 1984-85 by his Ministry;

(b) whether the norms and criteria for

opening such offices in tribal areas are liberal than other areas, if so, the reasons for delay in opening the new Sub Post Offices and Head Post Offices in that district;

(c) whether keeping in view the size and area of the district, its communication bottle-neck, distance of the villages and the Branch Offices, his Ministry will direct the Orissa circle for reorganisation of Branch, Sub and Head Post Offices and to create new Sub Post Offices and Head Post Offices; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

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

	B.P.O.s	S.Os.	H.Os.
Opened so far	507	91	3
Proposed to be opened during 1984-85.	4	13	Nil

(b) Only for the opening of Branch Post Offices there are special relaxed norms in tribal areas. For departmental sub offices and head post offices there are no special norms for tribal areas.

(c) and (d). Special targets are placed at the disposal of PMGs depending upon the extent of tribal and backward areas. While the norms for opening of departmental sub offices and Head Offices are uniform throughout the country. Special directives for this purpose is therefore not considered necessary.

Amdhori Coal Project in West Bengal

8508. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on Amdhori Coal Project in West Bengal has started;

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