

SATHE) : (a) There are 77 drug manufacturing companies recognised by the Department of Science & Technology during 1982-83 and are engaged in Research & Development activities such as development of technology of drugs, process improvement, import substitution etc.

(b) No, Sir.

#### Opening of Public Call Offices in Kondiahath and Dondisahi

2445. SHRI MANMOHAN TUDU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Public call Offices opened in Orissa during the last three years ;

(b) whether there has been growing demand to open two public call offices one at Kondiahath and another at Dondisahi in Cuttack District, Orissa ; and

(c) if so, when the proposal is expected to be implemented ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL) : (a) One hundred and eighty-nine Long Distance Public Call Offices have been opened in Orissa during the last three years.

(b) There has been a demand to open Long Distance Public Call Offices at Dandisahi but no demand has so far been received in respect of Kondiahath.

(c) The place Dandisahi is not entitled to Long Distance Public Call Office facility on subsidised basis and is also found to be financially not viable. The proposal is being re-examined on the basis of revised policy of one Long Distance Public Telephone in each 5 km side hexagon.

In respect of Kondiahath, the case will be examined if it is also covered by the spatial distribution policy.

#### Programme Furnished by Maharashtra Government for Utilization of 32 Million Cubic Metres of Gas per day

2446. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra have already furnished a programme to Central Government for utilisation of 32 million cubic metres of gas per day ;

(b) whether this programme includes utilization of gas by big industrial units as also by the consumers in Bombay and Textile mills, and if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether long delay has already taken place to clear the programme ; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and by what time this will be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of Maharashtra has sent a Memorandum listing out the requirement of various users of natural gas in Maharashtra totalling to about 32 million cubic metres per day, details of which are given in the statement attached.

(c) and (d) The Government of India has already agreed to supply gas to fertilizer plants in Trombay and Thal-Vaishet. Deepak Fertilizers, Tata Thermal Station, MSEB Uran, Domestic consumers, Bharat Electronics Limited, Gas Cracker and Petrochemicals Complex (MGCC and MPCC) etc. The possibility of making available further quantities of natural gas to other consumers would be considered after meeting the requirements of gas in high priority sectors such as Fertilizer Plants which are in various stages of implementation in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and UP.

**Statement**

*Requirement of gas indicated by Government of Maharashtra*

Name of the Project	Max. Demand of Gas in MCMPD
RCF, Trombay	2.33
RCF, Thal-Vaishet	4.46
Deepak Fertilizer Taloja	0.30
LPG Production & self consumption by ONGC	1.20
Tata Thermal Station, Trombay	3.27
MSEB, Uran	3.68
Domestic Consumers, Bombay	1.00
Textile Mills, Bombay	1.02
Bharat Electronics & Indo Asahi (TV Shells)	0.09
Gas Craker & Petrochemical Complex Nagothane (MGCC & MPCL)	1.60
Hindustan Organic Chemicals, Rasayani	0.48
Methanol - 3000 TPD	3.00
Sponge Iron Project	0.50
New Fertilizer Plants	
(i) 1350 TPD of Ammonia + DAP	2.40
(ii) 900 TPD of Ammonia + DAP	1.60
Union Carbide India Ltd.	0.12
New Projects like Methyl Methacrylate	
Hydrocyanic Acid, Chloro-methanes, etc.	0.86
Glass Industries	0.30
Domestic consumers in Nashik, Pune, Thane, Ambarnath, Ulhasnagar, Bhivandi, Kalyan, etc.	0.60
Industries in above areas.	3.00
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**Hydel Generation from Western Kosi Canal Etc.**

2447. SHRI BHOGEN德拉 JHA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the reply given to parts (b), (c), (d) and (e) of Unstarred Question No. 8515 on 24 April, 1984 to regarding sub optimal performance of power stations in Bihar and state :

(a) hurdles in generating hydel power from the head and branches of the Western Koshi Canal and whether any attempt is proposed to be made in that direction ;

(b) whether Japanese team surveying the entire Koshi basin on behalf of H.M.G. Nepal, has since completed its work for taming and training the Koshi river ; if so, the details thereabout including its opinion on the proposed multi-purpose dam of Barabkshetra ;

(c) whether H.M.G. Nepal had asked the U.S.S.R. to undertake the work of multi-purpose dam at Nunther on river Bhagmati ; and

(d) if so, India's response thereon and the present position ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) No Project proposal has so far been received regarding setting up of Hydel Project in the Western Koshi Canal.

(b) to (d) His Majesty's Government of Nepal have not given any indication to the Ministry of Energy, in this regard.

**Transfer of Telephone Numbers from 65 Level to 66 Level**

2448. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD :  
SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-  
DASAN NADAR :