

are likely upto December 1985 from January 1984.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) During the perspective plan 1980-1990, 30,000 telephone connections are likely to be given.

Setting up of Gas Cracker Projects and Naphtha Cracker Units

1348. SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government are examining proposals to set up two gas cracker projects and two Naphtha cracker units in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether one of the gas cracker projects will be set up in Gujarat;

(c) if so, the cost of the project;

(d) whether any site for setting up the proposed gas cracker project in Gujarat has been selected; and

(e) if so, the name of the site ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGY SHANKAR MISHRA) : (a) to (e) There are proposals to set up in the Central Sector one gas cracker project in Maharashtra and two naphtha based projects, one in Saltempur in U.P. and another in Cochin in Kerala.

A letter of intent was issued to West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation to set up a naphtha cracker in Haldia.

The State Government of Gujarat has proposed to set up a gas cracker complex in Kawas. The estimated capital cost of this project is Rs. 804 crores.

Linking of Visakhapatnam with Koraput, Jeypore and Rayagada by Microwave System

1349. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of COM-

(a) whether Government of Orissa have requested his Ministry for the early completion of micro-wave link under installation on routes linking Koraput, Jeypore and Rayagada with Visakhapatnam as has been done in the case of Anugul and Talcher with Cuttack in Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken by his Ministry for the early completion of the above micro-wave link; and

(c) the details of the progress made in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir. Vishakhapatnam-Koraput and Koraput-Jeypore N/B Microwave Schemes have been sanctioned. There is no justification to connect Rayagada with Microwave.

(b) The schemes is under execution and all components have been ordered.

(c) Civil Works like construction of Building and Tower foundation is in progress. Supply of Equipment and tower material is awaited.

Commissioning of Third Unit of Korba Super Thermal Power Station

1350. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether steps have been taken for the commissioning of the third 200 MW unit of the National Thermal Power Station in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the total MW of power expected to be generated from Korba Super Thermal Power Station with the completion and beginning of power production from the third unit; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) to (c) The third unit (200 MW) of Korba STPS of