

S.T.D. Facilities to Small Towns and Rural Areas

414. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide STD facilities in small towns and rural areas; and

(b) if so, the names of such towns and rural areas in which the facilities would be provided during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA): (a) The provision of Subscriber Trunk Dialling facilities to small towns and rural areas is under consideration of the Government.

(b) There is no proposal to extend the S.T.D. facility to small towns or rural areas during the current year.

Hydrogen Gas located near Colgong, Bihar

415. SHRI BIBHUTI MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item in Patna Daily dated the 27th June, 1976 entitled 'Hydrogen gas located near Colgong';

(b) whether any enquiry or survey has been made in this regard; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Geological Survey of India have investigated the gas occurrence at Colgong, and the sample collected has been sent for analysis to Regional Chemical Laboratory, the result of which is awaited.

पशुपतिनाथ मन्दिर में भारतीय तीर्थयात्रियों को पीटा जाना

416. श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या विदेश मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने पशुपतिनाथ मन्दिर में भारतीय यात्रियों को पीटाई के बारे में जानकारी प्राप्त की है; और

(ख) भविष्य में ऐसी घटनाएं न होने देने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री बिपिनपाल दास) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) हमारे राजदूत ने स्वयं इस मामले की ओर नेपाल के विदेश मन्त्री का ध्यान आकृष्ट किया था। भारत सरकार आशा करती है कि नेपाल की सरकार उस देश के घर्भ स्थानों की यात्रा पर जाने वाले भारतीय तीर्थयात्रियों को पूरा-पूरा संरक्षण प्रदान करेगी।

Meeting of Heads of Missions of India, Pakistan & Bangladesh in London on Racial Situation in Britain

417. SHRI BIBHUTI MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Heads of Missions of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh met in London on the 17th June, 1976 to review the racial situation in Britain;

(b) if so, the main decisions arrived at; and

(c) whether any solution has so far been found out?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): (a) Yes, Sir.