

(f) The Internet Node presently working at Agra is a Router based Node without any Server and all the Internet Student Shell Accounts at Agra are created by VSNL on their Servers. However these accounts could not be created by them due to technical non feasibility at present.

(g) After upgradation of the existing Internet node at Agra which is likely to be completed by 26th January, 2000.

(h) Yes, Sir.

(i) 2741 Student Shell Accounts are provided by VSNL in Delhi.

Modernisation and Upgradation of Hospitals

2755. DR. ULHAS VASUDEO PATIL :
SHRI PRASAD BABURAO TANPURE :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any plan has been drawn up to modernise and upgrade the facilities at Central Hospitals in the Capital and elsewhere;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the hospitals where this modernisation and upgradation plan is likely to be taken up; and

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon, hospital-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI):
(a) to (d) Details of the facilities to be provided to modernise and upgrade of Central Government Hospitals are as follows:-

(1) Strengthening of Cardiac-Theracic Vasular Surgery Department at Dr. R. M. L. Hospital and upgradation of Department of C.T.V.S. and Cardiology at Safdarjung Hospital

The proposal for setting up of the C.T.V.S. in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital at an estimated cost of Rs. 7.82 crores and upgradation of Department of C.T.V.S. and Cardiology at Safdarjung Hospital at an estimated cost of RS. 5.92 crores during the Ninth Plan period has been approved by the Expenditure Finance Committee on 1.7.1997. The proposal to the creation of posts in these Departments has also been approved by the Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure).

(2) Augmentation of Accident and Emergency Service in Central Government Hospitals.

A proposal for augmentation of Accident and Emergency Service in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Safdarjung Hospital and LHMC and Associated Hospitals at an estimated cost of Rs. 629 lakhs has been approved by the Standing Finance Committee on 10.2.1998. The proposal for creation of posts in these

hospitals is under examination in consultation with Internal Finance Division of this Ministry.

(3) Arthroscopy and Sports Injury Clinic, C.I.O. Safdarjung Hospital.

A proposal for setting up of Arthroscopy and Sports Injury Clinic in C.I.O., Safdarjung Hospital has been approved by the Standing Finance Committee on 21.5.98. The estimated expenditure would be Rs. 362.70 lakhs during the 9th Five Year Plan.

(4) Burns & Plastic Department, Safdarjung Hospital

Burns and Plastic Department of Safdarjung Hospital has also been taken up for modernisation and upgradation of the facilities.

(5) Accident and Trauma Block in Dr. R.M.L. Hospital

There is also a proposal for setting up of an Accident and Trauma Block in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital on the triangular plot which has been allotted by the Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment.

National Forest Policy, 1988

2756. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the States where National Forest Policy, 1988 is being implemented; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to see that the said policy is duly implemented in the remaining States as well?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI) :
(a) and (b) The National Forest Policy, 1988 is applicable to all the States and Union Territories. States and Union Territories have evolved their own programmes within the framework of the National Policy and are implementing them.

[Translation]

Production of Crude Oil in Bombay High

2757. SHRI RAMSHETH THAKUR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the total production of crude oil in the Bombay High in Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) whether this production is less than the target fixed;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to extract maximum oil from oil-fields in Bombay High?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) to (c) The production of crude oil from Bombay High v/s the targets during last three years was as under :-

(Figs. in MMT)		
Year	Target	Achievement
1995-96	15.740	13.578
1996-97	13.928	12.040
1997-98	10.769	12.434

The main reason for shortfall in production is that the main producing reservoirs of this oilfield have entered the natural declining phase. Some of the wells are flowing with high gas oil ratio and increasing water cut.

(d) In order to improve the performance of the field and increase the recovery factor, a monitorable action plan has been prepared by the expert committee which includes:-

- (i) Reservoir characterisation for better understanding of the complexities of the multilayered reservoir of Bombay High field through the recently acquired 3-D seismic data.
- (ii) Drilling of in-fill wells to exploit by passed/ undrained parts of the giant field.
- (iii) Re-distribution of injection water for improved conformance.
- (iv) Re-completion of poor performing wells.
- (v) Reservoir consultant of International repute have been engaged by ONGC for planning the future development strategy to improve the recovery from the field.
- (vi) Services of the experts hired on application of Gel technology on trial basis in some identified wells for controlling excessive gas and water production and conformance control in injectors.

Improvement in Telephone Facilities in M.P.

2758. SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any representation regarding improvement in the telephone facility in Rajanandagaon and Kavardha of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the efforts made by the Government in this regard and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following efforts are being made to improve the services.

- (i) Switching equipment, transmission equipment and external plant are being upgraded.
- (ii) Prompt attention is being paid in respect of Maintenance of telephone exchanges and its connecting transmission media.
- (iii) Continuous efforts are being made to repair the faulty VPTS.
- (iv) Solar panels are being provided to all the VPTs on MARR.
- (v) Arranging additional engine alternators for areas where power supply is not reliable.
- (vi) Introducing WLL and TDM/PMP technologies to provide telecom facilities in remote and rural areas.

[English]

Maintenance of Old NHS and Bridges in M.P.

2759. DR. MAHANT CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the total expenditure to be incurred on the maintenance of old National Highways of Madhya Pradesh during 1999-2000;

(b) the position of maintenance of bridges on these National Highways and their expansion Joints Structure Baring Coal;

(c) whether the Government have examined the works being conducted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action being taken to streamline the maintenance work and the time by which the maintenance works are likely to be completed? .

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) The total expenditure on Maintenance of National highways of Madhya Pradesh during 1999-2000 shall depend on the availability of funds.

(b) Maintenance of bridges including their expansion joints and wearing coat are taken up as and when required, within the available funds.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Maintenance of National Highways including bridges is a Continuous process and being carried out by the State PWD as per norms laid down by the Ministry.