

L.P.G. Facility in Rural Areas

*27. CH. JAGDEEP DHANKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to introduce LPG facility in rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, particularly about Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). LPG is being introduced at locations with a population of 20,000 and above (as per 1981 census) all over the country in a phased manner subject to the potential for viable marketing at each location and overall availability. Rural areas contiguous to and in the periphery of such locations are also being provided with LPG.

In Rajasthan to prevent the denudation of forests in desert areas, the use of LPG is being promoted by rostering 12 locations for development of LPG facility and releasing LPG connections for clearing of waiting lists in ten other locations.

Expansion of Haldia Refinery

*28. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for expansion of the Indian Oil Corporation refinery at Haldia in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). At present there is no proposal for expansion of the capacity of the Haldia refinery in West Ben-

Lakshmikantapur-Namkhana Railway Line

*29. SHRI RADHIKA RANJAN PRAMANIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in respect of construction of Lakshmikantapur-Namkhana (W.B.) railway line; and

(b) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Work has been taken up in first block section from Lakshmikantapur to Kulpi. Overall physical progress is about 7%.

(b) Completion would depend on the availability of resources in the coming years.

Profits Earned by Public Sector Undertakings

*30. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the public sector undertakings which have earned profits during 1988-89 and the estimated profit earned by each unit;

(b) whether the prices of products manufactured in these units were also increased during this period; and

(c) if so, the amount earned by this increase in each case?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The audited figures of profits earned by Central public Sector Undertakings during the year 1988-89 will be available after the annual accounts are duly audited and adopted by all Undertakings. However, as per the provisional results