

(c) the time by which cooking gas is likely to be made available in all the rural areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) and (b) Supply of LPG to consumers in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh is being made through main LPG distributorships and their extension points operated by organisations of the State Government. These extension points are normally located in the rural areas;

(c) Other than the areas mentioned above, there is no proposal under Government's consideration to extend LPG facility to the rural areas.

[English]

Expansion of telecommunication services in Malappuram district of Kerala

*280. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given on 8 December, 1987 to Unstarred Question No 4647 regarding expansion of telecommunication services in Malappuram district of Kerala and state :

(a) the progress in the Work of proposed expansion of the nineteen telephone exchanges in Malappuram district of Kerala;

(b) the telephone exchanges in respect of which expansion work has been completed and the cost involved; and

(c) the time by which the work with respect to each of the other telephone exchanges would be completed and the approximate cost of each expansion ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BHADUR SINGH) : (a) Out of the 19 Telephone Exchanges which were proposed to be expanded by March, 1990, 5 have been expanded as on date. In addition, part expansions have been carried out in two exchanges.

(b) Expansion work has been completed in 5 exchanges and partially completed in two others, at a total cost of Rs. 42 lakhs approximately.

(c) Details are given in the statement below.

Statement

Details of Exchanges

Sl. No.	Name of Exchange	Proposed Expansion	Estimated cost for expansion	Expansions completed/likely to be completed
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Kottakkal	90-200)		90-200 completed
2.	Edavannapara	45-90) Approxima-) tely) Rs. 42.00		45-90 ..
3.	Puzhakatteri	45-90) lakhs))		45-90 ..
4.	Parappanangadi	90-200))		90-200 ..

1	2	3	4	5
5.	Mankada	45-90)	45-90	„
6.	Chelari	150-400)	150-200)	Partially
7.	Tirur	800-1200)	800-900)	Completed
8.	Chelari	200-400 Rs. 6,13,900)		
9.	Tirur	900-1200 Rs. 18,44,500)		
10.	Vengara	90-200 Rs. 4,70,900)	Exp ansions will be	
11.	Perintalmanna	400-500 Rs. 11,54,300)	taken up during the	
12.	Tanur	90-200 Rs. 5,35,500)	remaining part of	
13.	Tirurangadi	250-400 Rs. 17,65,200)	7th Plan subject	
14.	Mavancherry	90-200 Rs. 5,42,800)	to availability	
15.	Kuttippuram	90-200 Rs. 4,48,900)	of funds and	
16.	Valancherry	90-200 Rs. 4,80,300)	equipment.	
17.	Kolathur	35-45 Rs. 2,01,500)		
18.	Anamangad	45-90 Rs. 2,05,500)		
19.	Thazhkode	35-45 Rs. 2,06,500)		
20.	Kalikavu	45-90 Rs. 2,17,900)		
21.	Malathur	45-90 Rs. 2,07,300)		

Gas find in coastal region of Orissa

*281. SHRI JAGANNATH PATNAIK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether gas has been found in the coastal region of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) and (b) Though there are indications of hydro-carbon deposits, drilling by Oil India Limited so far has not resulted in discovery of oil and gas of

commercial significance in the Bay Exploration Project and in the North-East Coast Offshore area in Orissa.

Setting up of electronic telephone exchange at Lakhimpur, U.P.

*282. SHRIMATI USHA VERMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up an electronic telephone exchange at Lakhimpur in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BHADUR SINGH) : (a) No Sir.