

The losses being incurred by some of the public sector fertilizer companies are attributable to their low production performance which is, in turn, due mainly to equipment/design defects, besides power and water problems in certain cases.

(c) Remedial measures such as renovation / de-bottle-necking / modernisation, installation of captive power facilities, addition of balancing equipments, re-orientation schemes, including financial restructuring, for some of the public sector companies, etc., have either been initiated or are planned in order to improve the performance.

Import of Petroleum Products

*92. SHRI AMARSINGH RATHAWA
SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the details of petroleum products imported during the years 1983 and 1984 and the names of the countries from whom the import was made and the amount involved ;

(b) whether any agreement has been concluded to import petroleum products during the year 1985 ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the measures being taken to increase the production of such items within the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) The details of petroleum products imported during 1983 and 1984 are given below :

| Year | Qty. Million Tonnes | Value (Rs./crores) |
|-------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1983 | 4.26 | 1246.60 |
| 1984* | 5.98 | 1830.78 |

*Provisional

It is not in our commercial interest to give country-wise details.

(b) and (c) : Yes Sir, A quantity of 3.90 million tonnes of petroleum products is proposed to be imported during 1985.

(d) The production of these items in the country is being increased by the creation of additional refining capacity and secondary processing facilities.

Development of Postal and Telecommunications Net Work in Tripura

*93. SHRI AJOY BISWAS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any proposals in the Seventh Five Year Plan for the development of Postal and Telecommunications net work in Tripura ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) :

Postal :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the proposed extension of postal net-work in the 7th Plan are given in Statement I attached. This is in addition to the offices that might be opened in urban areas which are not plan schemes. In addition the toning of the rural delivery and postal network will also be done.

Telecommunication :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of proposed telecommunication facilities in Tripura are given in Statement II attached.

Statement I

Names of the Villages where Post Offices are proposed to be opened in 7th Plan in Tripura

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|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Choromohini. | 2. Kalabang. | 3. Haripur. |
| 4. Lekstadepa. | 5. Kakhim Jalaibari. | 6. Bhobanipur. |
| 7. Tachari T.E. | 8. Kalipur. | 9. Schaimuri Bhati. |
| 10. Maheshpur. | 11. Durpirbond. | 12. Kamalpur Basar. |
| 13. Rajarbond. | 14. Toisoma. | |

Statement II

(Telecom. Development 7th Plan proposals for Tripura)

1. Manual exchanges at all district headquarters will be replaced by automatic exchanges. In addition, sub-divisional headquarters would be automatised subject to availability of equipment.
2. All district Headquarters and Dharamanagar will be connected to National dialling System.
3. Small automatic exchanges will be provided upto Block Headquarters level.
4. 71 LDPTs to be provided under hexagonal scheme of which 30 are proposed under MARR system.
5. Agartala will be linked on wideband Microwave to Shillong.
6. All district Headquarters will be linked to state capital by 60 channel UHF system.
7. Single Channel VHF to Block Headquarter level.
8. Exchanges are proposed to be connected by IDN Scheme subject to availability of equipment.
9. One New DTO at Dharam Nagar.
10. Automatisisation and expansion of Agartala exchange.

Meeting with Representatives of Trade and Industry

(b) if so, the main points discussed at the meeting ; and

*94. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(c) how many such meetings are proposed to be held during the current year ?

(a) whether a meeting of Ministers of Finance, Commerce, Industry and Planning was recently held with the top Industrialists with a view to generating greater trust and cooperation between the Government and the trade and industry ;

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) No., Sir.

(b) and (c) : Do not arise.