

**Discovery of Natural Gas in Andhra Pradesh**

\*50. SHRI KAMAL NATH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether good reserves of natural gas have recently been discovered in Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the facts thereof ; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up any refinery in Andhra Pradesh to utilise the recently discovered natural gas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b). Gas was struck in a well at Kaikalur in Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh. During testing the well produced gas at the rate of 4100 cubic metres per day with 520 PSI pressure.

(c) No, Sir.

**Demand for Improvement in the Services of Telephone and P & T Department**

\*51. SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Saurashtra Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bhavnagar (Gujarat) has demanded an improvement in the services of Telephone and Posts and Telegraphs Departments ;

(b) if so, the main demands of the Chamber ; and

(c) the action taken/proposed by Government thereon ?

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

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c). The main suggestion demands and action taken or proposed to be taken are as given in the statement attached.

**Statement**

*Suggestion/Demands of Saurashtra Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Action Taken/Proposed to be Taken*

Suggestions, Demands of Saurashtra Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Action taken/proposed to be taken to remove the difficulties.

**1. Telephone service in Bhavnagar District.**

(i) Air-conditioning plant of Bhavnagar exchange should be repaired immediately so that better service could be provided.

(ii) There is need for augmenting technical staff for maintenance of telephones.

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(i) Existing 26.5 tons of AC Plant has been working satisfactorily from 6.6.84 onwards. Order has been placed for 8 numbers 1.6 tons window type air-conditioners on 5.12.1984 to augment the existing 26.5 tons AC Plant.

(ii) All the posts of technicians sanctioned as per standard have been filled up.