

Emirates and such other countries. The actual foreign exchange outgo on account of imports in the year 1984-85 has been Rs. 3,527 crores. In the year 1985-86 the revised estimates are Rs. 4555 crores. In the year 1986-87 we shall try to take it down to Rs. 4091 crores. This is the situation in respect of our foreign exchange outgo on account of our imports. (*Interruption*) Some export has been under limitation on account of our refining capacity which has been increased in the 6th Plan period. Hence forward there is no likelihood of exports of crude from this country.

DR. CHINTA MOHAN : While importing and exporting of crude oil there is a loss of Rs. 7 crores to the ONGC in 1985. When you check up the bills of ONGC office in Calcutta, you will find that the bill Nos. starting from 20231 to 20750 show a swindling of funds of Rs. 60 lakhs. And that happened between 17th November 1985 to 26th December 1985. If it is correct, what is the action that is proposed to be taken by the Government in this matter? Will the Government order a CBI inquiry into the matter?

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH : Sir, the hon. Member is referring to a specific thing. But I would like to make it clear that the ONGC has nothing to do with import or export of oil. The canalising agency for import and export is the IOC. There might be some other difficulty or something wrong with ONGC. If the Member writes to me I shall certainly look into it.

DR. CHINTA MOHAN : Is the Government prepared to order a CBI inquiry into the matter?

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH : You may write to me; I shall certainly look into it. If there is a prima facie thing I will look into it.

SHRI TARUN KANTI GHOSH : When the prices fall in the international market in a big way, that is almost 50 per cent, why should the saving of foreign exchange be so small?

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH : Because our imports are likely to go up as

explained, the degree of self-sufficiency is declining in the next 4 years. So our imports will go up. Therefore although the prices have fallen down substantially we do not know about what is going to happen in the future. But the total reduction is not in proportion to the fall in international prices. I may assure the House that we are taking full advantage of the present international situation in respect of oil prices.

SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI : In consonance with the decrease in oil prices in the oil market I would like to ask the Minister where is the need for entering into long term contract with oil companies instead of purchasing the oil across the counter.

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH : We purchase through two methods. First there is long term contract for a certain quantity. If it is in the interest of the country and in the interest of maintenance of commercial relations with some of the oil production countries then we enter into agreements. But in respect of these countries also we do not go for official prices. We are trying to negotiate with them on market-related prices or spot purchase. So that is not going to affect our total cost for the oil that we may get from them.

Commissioning of Automatic Telephone Exchange at Leh

*229. **SHRI P. NAMGYAL :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Automatic Telephone Exchange was to be commissioned at Leh during the year 1985 and the building for the same has already been constructed and completed;

(b) if so, the reasons for non-commissioning of the exchange so far; and

(c) the time by which the Exchange is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State authorities have not agreed to give mains power supply due to meagre power generation at Leh.

(c) The exchange is planned for commissioning during 1986-87 subject to availability of Mains power supply.

SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Sir, in view of the sensitive nature of the area and the extreme climatic condition there, the people feel that automatic exchange must be set up very early because in the case of emergency the operators do not attend or respond to calls during the night although the exchanges are supposed to function for 24 hour. Before coming to the other question, I would like to know in the first instance what is the capacity of the proposed automatic exchange and what is the power requirement of the automatic exchange and whether the Department has explored the possibility of getting power from the Army.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Sir, may I reserve...

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Are you taking some interest in Leh ?

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA : The capacity of the automatic exchange which is being installed at Leh is 300 lines and the power supply, the State Government promised us, would be made available when the hydel project comes into operation which would be very soon. In the meanwhile, we are in touch with Army authorities who run a captive power plant there to see if they can make available power supply from their power plant, and I can assure the hon. Member that the importance of Leh is very much recognised by our Department, we have a satellite earth station there which connects Leh with Delhi directly, and Leh with Srinagar, and I can assure the hon. Member that we would be able to decide on either of the two propositions very soon and that automatic exchange would be commissioned.

SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Sir, we are expecting to commission the Stakna hydel project this year. At the same time the power generating capacity of the present Diesel Engines this summer are expected to

be improved. Meanwhile, may I know from the hon. Minister whether the installation of machineries and other equipment everything will be done by the opening of road there ?

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA : Yes, Sir. Installation etc. would be complete by the time the State Government provides the roads.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Mr. Speaker, Sir, let us hope that this exchange will be operative some time this year or early next year so that this exchange may have a functioning operation so far as North-East India and Eastern India are concerned. Will the hon. Minister see that the rotten telephone exchange in Calcutta is improved so that from Leh and Eastern India there is a proper connection ?

MR. SPEAKER : It is an unsportsmanship link up !

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : This is of Leh. I want to know whether the telephone system will function so far as north-east and eastern India are concerned. There is no answer, Sir.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : It is an unmanageable link up !

Shifting of industries located in crowded localities in Delhi

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GUPTA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any studies have been made about the industries which are located in crowded localities in Delhi and whose emissions of gas are harmful to the public;

(b) if so, the results of those studies; and

(c) the steps being taken to get the industries referred in part (a) above shifted to far off areas ?