

Aeromagnetic and marine seismic surveys of 12,000 Sq. Kmg. of Orissa offshore area in Mahanadi Basin, Bay of Bengal has been carried out. Chilka Lake is not included in this area.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Allotment of Cooking Gas Agencies in Uttar Pradesh

\*446. SHRI RAM LAL RAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in Uttar Pradesh, (district-wise) where cooking gas agencies are proposed, to be allotted during 1980-81 in the context of fuel shortage;

(b) whether applications had been invited from persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for allotment of cooking gas agencies in some districts of Uttar Pradesh under reserved quota but no decision could be taken thereon after holding interviews; and

(c) if so, the numbers of such places and when a decision in this respect is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) District-wise names of towns in Uttar Pradesh where cooking gas agencies have been proposed to be opened by the Oil Industry during 1980-81 are as under:—

District	Name of town
1	2
Agra	Agra
Saharanpur	Roorkee, Saharanpur
Meerut	Meerut, Modinagar, Hapur

1	2
Ghaziabad	Ghaziabad
Muzaffarnagar	Muzaffarnagar
Jhansi	Jhansi
Mathura	Mathura/Brindavan
Rampur	Rampur
Bulandshahar	Bulandshahar
Moradabad	Moradabad

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise.

#### Role of Radio and Television in checking Social Crimes

\*447. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the mass media, particularly the Radio and Television have a special role to play for rousing mass consciousness for prevention of crimes against women such as rape, dowry etc.; and

(b) if so, what plans have been chalked out for discharging that responsibility in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA): (a) and (b). Both Radio and Television are fully aware of their responsibility to educate the masses against social evils such as atrocities on women, the evils of dowry etc. The various stations and Kendras of All India Radio as well as Doordarshan have been regularly putting out programmes in various formats on these themes in order to motivate the listeners/viewers against such social evils/crimes. These programmes are