

the two countries in the field of offshore petroleum exploration and production.

No specific agreement for such cooperation has yet been signed between the two countries.

Delhi Telephone Directory

*238 SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the reason for delay in the bringing out of the telephone directory in Delhi is the supply procurement of sub-standard paper for printing ;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been probed and guilty punished ;

(c) if so, the details thereof and details of steps taken to ensure the non-recurrence of such delay in future and reasons for procuring the paper from sources other than the Kendriya Bhandar from whom all items of stationery are required to be purchased ; and

(d) when the directory is expected to be brought out ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS SARI V.N. GADGIL : (a) Yes, Sir. The paper has been found unsuitable for printing on high speed web off-set machine.

(b) and (c) : The Director-General of Supplies and Disposals has been addressed to get this paper replaced by the suppliers. Further action will be taken in consultation with that office. The paper for printing of telephone directories is of high value and is therefore, procured through the DG S&D and not from the Kendriya Bhandar as a matter of Government policy.

(c) Efforts are being made to obtain paper of the desired quality urgently and the Directory is expected to be brought out by November/December, 1984.

Problems of Rural And Agricultural Workers

*239. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :
SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that agricultural workers are facing a lot of problems mostly due to lack of organisation amongst the rural workers ;

(b) if so, the details of the problems being faced by the rural and agricultural workers ; and

(c) the steps being taken to solve these problems ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI DHARMAVIR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Their chronic problems are mostly unemployment, lesser avenues of wage employment, irregular and intermittent nature of employment, low wages landlessness and assetlessness.

(c) Apart from the steps taken by various concerned Ministries of the Government of India to remove landlessness and assetlessness, to provide avenues of gainful employment on a durable basis together with payment of minimum rates of wages, a Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme for educating the rural workers about the value of the organisation and also helping them to organise themselves has been introduced.

Second Phase of Kolaghat Power Project in West Bengal

*240. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :