

(c) what has so far been done in connection with oil exploration in Bay of Bengal and Bengal basin ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA):

(a) The details in this regard would be

available only after the finalisation of the Seventh Plan.

(b) Based on the available data, the Bay of Bengal area is considered to be prospective for hydrocarbons.

(c) Apart from surveys, the number of wells drilled in the area is as follows :—

	No. of wells completed	No. of wells under drilling
<i>Bengal Basin :</i>		
(i) Onshore	21	3
(ii) Offshore	2	—
<i>Bay of Bengal :</i>		
(i) Mahanandi Offshore	7	1
(ii) Andaman Offshore	4	1
(iii) Krishna Godavari Offshore	26	—
(iv) Cauveri Offshore	18	—

New Telephone Connections from Janpath Telephone Exchange

4014. DR. C. S. VERMA : Will the minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3326 on 14th August, 1984 regarding new telephone connections from Janpath Telephone Exchange and state :

(a) whether the telephone authorities have started issuing letters for fresh allotment of telephone connections to the persons who are in the waiting list in General Category ; and

(b) if so, when the persons in the waiting list in general category upto December, 1982 are likely to be issued letters of allotment of fresh telephone connections ?

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

(b) Allotment letters are being issued by the Delhi Telephones authorities to applicants on waiting list who had registered upto 27.4.82 under 'Non-OYT-General' Category. Applicants on waiting list who had registered upto December, 1982 are likely to be issued allotment letters during the next Six months.

[Translation]

Nomination for Khadi Gramodyog Commission

4015. SHRIMATI VIDYAWATI CHATURVEDI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :