

various chemicals and pesticides are being fulfilled in keeping with the installed capacity? If not, why the Government is not planning for the setting up of these chemical complexes?

**SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH :** I do not have the exact figure with me just at the moment. I will collect it and pass it on to the hon. Member.

**SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY :** Chemical factories are coming up. *(Interruption)* Whatever Chemical factories have come up, they have been successfully killing number of people in this country because of non-vigilance by the Government of India and our Labour Department in the matter of safety. After Bhopal, and after the recent happenings in Delhi, what action you are going to take to see that the chemical factories that come up should come up in more numbers. *(Interruption)* Why outside the country? They should be inside the country at many places. What safety arrangements are you going to take so that the lives of the citizens are safeguarded?

**MR. SPEAKER :** These chemical factories should not be in populated areas.

**THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) :** We are interested in utilising our petro-chemical discoveries like gas, crude, etc. for more petro-chemical by-product industries. But we are at the moment equally eager that these chemical industries should not in any way harm our people by pollution or by accident or by any reason whatsoever. So, the general policy that we have adopted is that wherever such complexes or industries are set up, they should be in a place which is not overcrowded or over-populated or which is not in proximity of population. Secondly, all scientific and technological precautions and preventive measures must be taken to ensure that there is no risk involved even by accident. Now, this is our policy and this is what we intend to pursue.

**SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY :** Labour Commissioner is not adhering to all these things.

**SHRI VASANT SATHE :** Let me complete this. Let me tell you one thing.

In places like Bombay where RCF was set up, first it was outside the city. This must be the experience in Calcutta. It must be the experience in some other major cities. When you think of a chemical factory you take all precautions and you set up outside the city. But soon, within a few years, that whole area gets surrounded by thick population settlements. And that becomes a hazard. Therefore, this is a matter to be taken in totality and all preventive measures will have to be taken.

**SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA :** The Petroleum Minister informed us that the infra-structure of HBJ pipeline which is in the offing, will be completed by the end of the 7th Five-year Plan. So, I would like to know from the Minister of Chemicals whether we have any plan to use that natural gas.....

**SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY :** He is going back.

**SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA :** I am not going back, I am referring to the Ministry of Chemicals.

I would like to know whether we have any plan to use that natural gas for other factors in the chemical industry apart from producing fertilizer from natural gas like plastics, and other C<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>5</sub> categories.

**SHRI VASANT SATHE :** I said that all by-products coming from crude and gas we want to utilise fully to our national advantage.

#### Oil Exploration in Orissa

\*413. **SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL :** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision regarding exploration of oil in three coastal districts of Orissa in June 1986;

(b) if so, which organisation will undertake the exploration programme;

(c) the number of oil exploration wells proposed to be drilled there; and

(d) the details of the programme in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Oil India Limited.

(c) and (d). During 1986-87, six exploratory wells (12000 metres) are expected to be drilled at a cost of about Rs 7 crores.

SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL : Sir I welcome the reply of the hon. Minister. At the same time I would like to ask the Minister what are the different districts in Orissa where survey had been undertaken and whether it is a fact that more number of wells should be drilled other than the six given in the reply and is so, whether provision of funds will be made for exploration and drilling of additional wells.

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA : Sir, with regard to Orissa, in the annual programme for 1986-87, six wells are to be drilled in this area and 12,000 metres of drilling would be there. A plan provision for Rs. 7.1 crores has been made for the year for the purpose.

With regard to the projection in the Seventh Five Year Plan, a total number of 9 exploratory wells are expected to be drilled in on-shore Orissa. During the Seventh Plan with the estimated meterage of 18,000, the estimated cost of the programme is Rs. 9.50 crores.

SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL : My Second Supplementary is whether it is a fact that a three-Member World Bank Team which visited Orissa in the first week of December 1985 has favoured expanding the systems for the north-east coast and particularly for Orissa coast off-shore oil exploration project. If so, what is the amount of World Bank assistance estimated to be obtained for implementing those projects and the details thereof ?

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA : No specific proposals are under consideration.

SHRI SOMNATH RATH : I want to know from the hon. Minister what are the sources that are going to finance for these projects and what the Government is

contemplating to meet this amount of Rs. 7 crores.

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA : The source is the plan allocation and our internal resources which we generate.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Sir, Midnapore District is nearer to Orissa. That is why I am asking a question. There is a newspaper report that...*(Interruptions)* ... the largest oil field in Asia as stated by Comrade Amal Datta, has been found in the Dhatan area of Midnapore District of West Bengal. We have written a letter to the hon. Minister also. In view of this, may I know from the Minister whether Government propose to arrange a drilling there for the exploration of oil in Midnapore District ?

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA : Sir, though the question does not relate to Midnapore but since this matter is raised in the House, I would say that unfortunately the Press reports are not true. I wish that it would have been true.

But so far as the suggestion of drilling in Midnapore is concerned, this is a suggestion for action.

#### Telephones Installed on Fake Letters

\*414. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Phones installed on fake letters' appearing in "The Hindustan Times" of 25 October, 1985;

(b) if so, the details of the cases and the modus operandi thereof;

(c) the number of cases of such installation and extension, etc. detected so far by the Department and in which areas in the city;

(d) whether any such cases have been detected in other parts of the country, if so, how many, when and where;

(e) the effective steps taken to avoid recurrence of such cases; and