

when all these systems will come into production and whether the Government will be able to reach the target of thirty million telephones by that time?

Secondly, the employees of the Industry in the Communication Department are very much afraid and anxious about the effort of the Government because such a big programme is there in front of the Government that a lot of imports will be made in the course of this time and the future of thirty thousand employees is in danger. I want to know whether the employees have submitted any memorandum to the Prime Minister and whether the Government has considered that, and, if so, what is the result?

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, C-DOT has made one EPBX 128 Import Exchange and now licences have been given to fifteen firms to produce this. There is also one 122 small exchange for rural area. In Kittur and Churagh two exchanges are working and our ITI sector is going to produce one lakh lines. From 1988-89, they are going to produce fifty thousand lines.

As regards the original question, I had already told that this has not yet been started. They are now having it tested by installing a proto-type.

As regards the other question, there is no question of having any unemployment because ESS-2 will be in Bangalore and in due course, we are also thinking of updating the Rae Bareli factory also

Yes, we have received the Memorandum from various employees and we have assured them that we shall see that diversification of other products will be taken in this sector and there will be no question of unemployment.

[*Translation*]

**Achievement in Oil and Gas exploration by ONGC in Rajasthan.**

\*257. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Will

the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements made by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission so far in the exploration of oil and gas in desert areas of Rajasthan;

(b) whether ONGC has provided additional drilling equipment for these desert areas;

(c) if not, when the Commission will provide additional drilling equipment for these areas to expedite the drilling work; and

(d) the programmes to be undertaken during 1987-88 in this regard?

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a). ONGC had discovered 2 gas fields in Rajasthan namely, Manhera Tibba and Chotaru.

(b) and (c). ONGC propose to add one more rig during the current financial year.

(d). During 1987-88, ONGC propose to conduct about 1375 kilometres of seismic survey and drill 4 wells.

[*Translation*]

SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the work of exploration and drilling has been going on in Jaisalmer for the last 4 years. Only one rig has been put to use. The Minister has just stated in his reply that it is proposed to instal one more rig during the current financial year. I would like to know what kind of rig is to be set up and when? Secondly, there is a proposal to dig 4 wells. I would like to know in this connection when these will be dug and which are the places where these wells will be dug?

SHRI BRAHMA DUTT: Sir, there were certain bottlenecks in this regard. As the hon. Member is aware, it is a border area as well as

the desert area. We did not get permission for construction of road which is required for the movement of ordinary rig. Therefore, we have asked the B.H.E.L. to make a special type of rig which will suit the desert areas and for which there will be no need to construct roads. We hope that the special type of rig will be made available to us within one or two months. Therefore, I had replied that we will instal this rig there by the end of the financial year. We will be installing it on the present structure.

SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: How the gas that has been found in Manhera, Tibba and Ghotaru is proposed to be used and how much of gas has been found there?

SHRI BRAHMA DUTT: Presently, we can extract 50 thousand cubic meter of gas daily from Manhera and Tibba, and we have asked the Rajasthan State Electricity Board to set up a gas-based thermal power unit there. They have proposed a three megawatt unit which can be run by it. We are holding talks in this regard. As soon as the talks are concluded, they will be supplied gas. The gas found in Ghotaru contains 0.13 per cent of hillium and the O.N.G.C. are making efforts to extract hillium from it. It is a useful gas.

SHRI G.S. MISHRA: Through you, I would like to say that gas has been located in three places in Madhya Pradesh where drilling is to be made. Will helicopters be used . . . .

*(Interruptions)*

*[English]*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question is about Rajasthan, not about Madhya Pradesh.

*[Translation]*

SHRI G.S. MISHRA: Formation is the same.

*[English]*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: That way Orissa also can be connected.

*[Translation]*

SHRI G.S. MISHRA: Will arrangements be made to transport the rig there by helicopter? Will same arrangements be made for Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh also?

SHRI BRAHMA DUTT: Sir, when Rajasthan's turn will come, action will be taken as required. Rig will not be transported by helicopter. Madhya Pradesh's turn is not coming now.

*[English]*

### **Supply of Gas to Industrial Units from Krishna-Godavari Basin**

\*258. SHRI SRIHARI RAO:

SHRI A.J.V.B. MAHESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which gas is likely to be supplied to the industrial units from Krishna-Codavari basin in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the total quantity of gas which can be obtained from this area; and

(c) the industries selected for supply of gas, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) Gas supplies to industrial units in Andhra Pradesh are expected to commence by the end of this calendar year.

(b) During the Extended Production Testing Period, ONGC expect to produce about 1.5 lakh cubic metres per day of gas from the four gas bearing wells at Narsapur/Razol in Krishna-Godavari Basin.

(c) Contracts have been signed with the following five consumers for supply of 63,000 cubic metres of gas per day:-

(i) A.P. Bagassa Project Ltd.