

shifting of the O.I.L. Headquarters from Delhi to Duliajan; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) OIL's registered office has always been at Duliajan. Director (Operations) is stationed at Duliajan; Director (Personnel) was transferred to Duliajan sometime ago. Now, it is proposed that the Chairman-cum-Managing Director and two Directors, who had been operating from Delhi, be shifted to Duliajan. Some officers and staff of Delhi office had expressed certain misgivings about the proposed move. However, these misgivings have been removed during the discussions held by the senior officers of the Ministry with the officers and staff of O.I.L. Some OIL executives have welcomed this move.

Modernisation of Digboi Oil Refinery

148. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) when the work of modernisation of the Digboi Oil Refinery is likely to be started; and

(b) whether provisions for producing petro-chemical by-products are proposed to be made in connection therewith?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Preliminary work consisting of studies and investigations have already been started. A detailed feasibility report is also being prepared.

(b) No, Sir.

Cooking Gas Facilities in Andhra Pradesh

149. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) which of the cities and towns in Andhra Pradesh are likely to be provided with cooking gas facilities during the next two years; and

(b) the criteria adopted by Government for providing these facilities in each State of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Under the various annual Marketing Plans upto the year 1987-88, the oil industry has proposals to extend LPG facility to the various cities/towns in Andhra Pradesh as mentioned in the Statement (See below).

(b) At present LPC facility is being extended in a phased manner to locations having a population of around of 20,000 and which offer sufficient potential for economically viable distributorships.

Statement

S. No. Name of Town/City

- 1 Srikakulam
- 2 Nellore
- 3 Adilabad
- 4 Kodad
- 5 Avanigadda
- 6 Tiruvur
- 7 Palmaner
- 8 Icchapuram
- 9 Urvakonda
- 10 Bhainsa
- 11 Gopalpatnam
- 12 Jaggayapet
- 13 Jadcherla