

(ख) निम्नलिखित बेसिनों में सर्वेक्षण और ड्रिलिंग का कार्य किया जा रहा है। इन क्षेत्रों में तेल होने की सम्भावना है :—

तटवर्ती :

काम्बे

कच्छ-सौराष्ट्र

राजस्थान

हिमालय की तराई वाले क्षेत्र और गंगा की घाटी

बंगाल

ऊपरी असम और अरुनचल प्रदेस

कावेरी और कृष्णा-गोदावरी

उड़ीसा

अपतटीय :

बम्बई

कच्छ-सौराष्ट्र

कावेरी

कृष्णा-गोदावरी

अण्डमान

नार्थ ईस्ट कोस्ट

केरल-कोकण

उत्पादन परीक्षण को बढ़ाने के दौरान नारीमनम में थोड़ी मात्रा में तेल का उत्पादन किया जा रहा है। अन्य बेसिनों में तेल का उत्पादन उनकी वाणिज्यिक व्यवहार्यता के स्थापित होने के बाद ही आरम्भ किया जाएगा।

CBI probe into the Bhopal gas tragedy

1833. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI SHANKER SINH
VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made in the CBI probe into the Bhopal gas disaster;

(b) by when the probe is likely to be completed;

(c) whether it is a fact that Madhya Pradesh Government have not provided to the CBI the medical records of the men and animals affected by the gas leak and some other vital data; and

(d) by when compensation is likely to be paid to all the victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) CBI has reported that the investigation is progressing satisfactorily but due to the technical nature of the case it is not possible to indicate any time limit for completing the investigation.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) A suit is proposed to be filed in the Court of District Judge, Bhopal shortly against Union Carbide Corporation for damages in respect of the Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster. Every effort will be made for expediting the disposal of the case including moving for entrusting the case to a judge who will exclusively deal with the case.

1834. [Transferred to the 13th August, 1986.]

Communication services in Himachal Pradesh

1835. SHRI CHANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of inadequate communication services in the interior areas of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey to provide communication facility to the far flung villages which are still lagging behind in this regard;

(c) if so, how many post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges are proposed to be opened in

these villages to bring them in the mainstream of communications; and

(d) by when these new post offices, etc. are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIR-DHA): (a) Postal: In general terms, it can be said that the postal services at present available in Himachal Pradesh are adequate. In that State a post office serves on average an area of 22.87 Sq. Kms and a population of 1741. This figure compares favourably with the country as a whole where one post office services on average area 21.90 S Kms and a population of 4748.

Telecommunications: Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Postal: At present there are no proposals for opening new post offices.

Telecommunications: Under the policy objective of the Department, 20 Long Distance Public Call Offices will be opened in rural areas of Himachal Pradesh during 1986-87. 15 new telephone exchanges are also proposed to be opened in Himachal Pradesh. Some of these exchanges will be opened in villages where minimum demand required under the rules is registered.

(d) Postal: The question does not arise in view of reply to part (c).

Telecommunications: The Telecom. facilities will be provided progressively during 7th and future plans depending on availability of financial and material resources.

Waiting list for telephone connections in Maharashtra

1836. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV RAO JADHAV:

SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 509 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th April, 1986 and state:

(a) what is the position about the waiting list for telephone connections in Aurangabad, Nanded, Nagpur Sholapur as on 30th June, 1986; and

(b) by when Nanded, Harbhani and Jalna will be connected with STD system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIR-DHA): (a) The position of waiting list for telephone connections in Aurangabad, Nanded, Nagpur and Sholapur as on 30th June, 1986 is as follows:—

	OYT	Non OYT	Total
Aurangabad	318	2758	3076
Nanded	65	1016	1081
Sholapur	116	1801	1917
Nagpur	857	8135	8992