

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c) The particulars of industrial licences/letters of intent issued to industrial houses for setting up of new units and expansion of existing units during the last three years are given in the statement [See Appendix CXXVIII, Annexure No. 571.

#### Waiting: list for telephone connections

1394. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applicants awaiting telephone connections in Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta, Kanpur, Patna as on June 30, 1983; end

(i) what are the criteria fixed for sanction of telephone connections?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) The number of waiting applications in Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta, Kanpur and Patna as on June 30, 1983 is given below:—

| Name of City | No. of waiting applications |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Bombay    | 1,55,404                    |
| 2. Delhi     | 1,11,887                    |
| 3. Calcutta  | 30,626                      |
| 4. Kanpur    | 4,557                       |
| 5. Patna     | 2,325                       |

(b) New connections are allotted according to the date of registration and the category of application, viz. OYT, Special or General. b

#### Replacing gas cylinders with Button Regulators in Delhi

1395. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gas cylinders with Button Regulators system replacing the old gas cylinders are being provided in the Delhi area\* specially in Shakti Nagar and Trem\*-Yamuna colonies:

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the benefits accruing therefrom;

(c) whether any additional charge is to be paid by the allottee of gas connections in changing the gas cylinders with button regulators system and

(d) whether the mechanics of the gas agencies undertake the checking of the gas cylinders and other appliances so as to prevent any untoward happenings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. All existing 'F' valve cylinders are being replaced in a phased manner by self-closing valve fitted cylinders, as the latter is considered safer.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

#### Post losses

1396. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a statement made by the Managing Director of the ITI Complex, Bangalore, published in the *Hindustan Times* of the 14th September, 1983 that the surplus generated by the payments made by telephone subscribers and needed for the massive investments to update the system and expand it at the pace needed are