

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Against their 1980-81 and 1981-82 plans the Oil Companies have awarded 22 LPG agencies at the following places in the State of Assam as on 31-12-1982:—

1. Jorhat
2. North Lakhimpur
3. Gauhati
4. Tinsukia
5. Silchar
6. Nowgong
7. Tejpur
8. Borpeta Town
9. Mariani
10. Naharkatiya
11. Doom Dooma
12. Digboi
13. Karimganj
14. Borpeta Road
15. Mongaldoi
16. Bongaigaon
17. Golaghat

(c) Out of the distributor ships mentioned in (b) above, 6 have been awarded under 'UG/UEG' (Unemployed Graduate/Unemployed Engineering Graduate) category.

Non-Performance of Telex and Telephone System in Guntur

1455. SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBA SIVA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to complaints regarding non-performance of the telex and telephone systems in Guntur (Andhra Pradesh); and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken so far in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) No, Sir. No complaints or representations have been received in respect of functioning of

Talex and Telephone System at Guntur. The performance of the Telex and Telephone systems is generally satisfactory.

(b) This does not arise in view of the reply at (a) above.

Working of Telegraph Lines in Border Areas of Jammu and Kashmir..

1456. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during inclement weather in Jammu and Kashmir, the Telegraph lines linking border areas remain disrupted for number of days and all the telegrams booked or despatched by post reach the destination after six or seven days;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the P & T department in Jammu and Kashmir does not take effective steps to remove the short-comings of the department in this regard; and

(c) what remedial steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) to (c) Information is being collected from the G. M. Telecom., J & K Srinagar and will be placed on the table of the House in due course.

Holding of Pension by Post Master, Dhameta in Kangra ..

1457. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in many cases pension pertaining to Defence Personnel and civilians (old age pension) are held up with the Post Master, Dhameta, Kangra (H.P.);

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have received any communications from Members of