

**Oil economy plan**

561. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA  
NAIDU: SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prepare an oil economy plan for the year 1980;

(b) if so, what are the main features of the plan;

(c) what steps Government are taking to improve the oil production in the country; and

(d) what is the mode of import of crude oil and what are the names of the countries from which crude oil will be imported?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL):

(a) Oil Economy plan is prepared every year on the financial year basis.

(b) The total demand of all petroleum products has been estimated at 33.15 million tonnes for 1980-81. The total crude throughput during the financial year is expected to be 28.82 million tonnes. The indigenous crude availability is expected to be 14 million tonnes. To meet the total requirement it is proposed to import crude oil and petroleum products to the following order:—

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| Crude Oil          | .. | About 16 million tonnes. |
| Petroleum Products | .. | About 6 million tonnes.  |

(c) Effort\* are being made to increase the oil production both in the onshore as well as offshore sectors of the country.

(d) Long term agreements for the import of crude oil on FOB basis are

normally concluded directly with the National Companies of the Oil Producing Countries. For the year 1980, contracts have been concluded with the following countries for the supply of crude oil:—

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| Iraq. | Iran          |
| UAE   | Nigeria       |
| USSR  | Saudi Arabia. |

**Opening of telephone exchanges**

562 SHRI BHOLA PRASAD; SHRI KALYAN ROY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of telephone exchanges opened in Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Delhi, respectively during 1976—80; and

(b) what is the number of telephone exchanges likely to be opened at the above places during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN): (a) Bombay:—65,700 lines of exchange capacity was added by opening 6 new and expanding existing exchanges during 1976—79. Expansion by 25,400 lines is expected during 1979-80 including opening of 2 new exchanges.

Calcutta:—44,720 lines of exchange capacity was added by opening 10 new and expanding existing exchanges. During 1979-80 3600 lines are expected to be added by expansion of existing exchanges and opening of one new exchange.

Madras:—8,175 lines of exchange capacity was added by expanding existing exchanges during 1976—79. Expansion by 800 lines is expected during 1979-80.

Delhi:—59,655 lines of exchange capacity was added by opening 10 new and expanding existing exchanges during 1976—79. Expansion by 21,400

lines ia expected during 1979-80 including opening of 3 new exchanges.

(b) Bombay.—Plans are in hand to add 69,200 lines capacity during 1980—82 including opening of 7 new exchanges.

Calcutta:—Plans are in hand to add 6,900 lines capacity during 1980—82 including opening of 2 new exchanges,

Madras:—Plans are in hand to add 4,700 lines capacity during 1980—82 by expansion of existing exchanges,

Delhi:—Plans are in hand to add 41,100 lines capacity during 1980—82 including opening of 6 new exchanges.

#### AIR Pollution in Durgapur

583. SHRIBHOLA PRASAD-SHRI KALYAN ROY:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news which appeared in the 'Statesman' of the 3rd July, 1979 under the caption "Air pollution becoming serious in Durgapur";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard;

(d) whether dust collectors as per American design as provided in the Bakaro Thermal Plant have been provided in the Damodar Valley Corporation and Durgapur projects;

(e) if the reply to part (d) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government propose to advise the plants and units to instal fabric filters or electrostatic precipitators at the high fly ash enumeration sources to reduce their severity and to bring down their harmful effects to the permissible level; and

(g) if the reply to part (f) above be in the negative, what are the reasons\* therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It contains information regarding pollution of water and air caused by Power Generating Units of the Damodar Valley Corporation and the Durgapur Projects and the harmful effects thereof on human beings and trees in Durgapur-Asansol industrial area.

(c) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### Calcutta Telephone Service

564. SHRI BHOLA PRASAD: SHRI KALYAN ROY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a task force to tune up the telephone system in Calcutta city;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be set up; and

(c) what will be its composition?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN): (a) It has been decided to set up a Task Force for 4 months to make a detailed survey of the problems in maintenance of external plant in Calcutta, and suggest remedial measures and estimate financial and material inputs needed.

fb) This is likely to be set up very shortly.

(c) It will have one Additional General Manager, one Divisional Manager, two Assistant Engineers and 2 Stenographers.