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Waiting list for new telephone connections in Saharsa District, Bihar

4735. SHRI CHANDRA KISHORE PATHAK : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new telephone connections sanctioned in Saharsa District in Bihar during the period from 1 January, 1985 to 28 February, 1986;

(b) the number of applications received for new telephone connections during this period;

(c) the number of persons on the waiting list in Saharsa District till 31 January, 1986; and

(d) the names of places in Bihar for which there are proposals for modernising telephone system ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The number of telephone connections provided in Saharsa District in Bihar from 1st January, 1985 to 28th February, 1986 is 21.

(b) The number of applications received for new telephone connections from 1st January, 1985 to 28th February, 1986 is 100.

(c) The number of persons on the waiting list in Saharsa District till January, 1986 is 47.

(d) There are proposals to instal Electronic telephone exchanges in Bihar at :—

1. Hazipur
2. Madhubani
3. Purnea

4. Nawadah

5. Dumka

6. Patna

7. Ranchi

(Electronic exchange has already been installed at Gaya in February, 1986.)

L.P.G. Supply to consumers in Bihar

4736. SHRI CHANDRA KISHORE PATHAK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any shortage of L.P.G. cylinders in Bihar;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the supply position and to ensure supply of L.P.G. cylinders to the consumers same day or next day ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) and (b). Owing to operational and distribution problems, there has recently been a shortage of LPG supplies in certain markets in Bihar.

(c) While supplies from Barauni and Haldia have been stepped up to the affected markets for the present situation, a bottling plant is being set up at Jamshedpur for ensuring adequate supplies in the long run.

Creation of Coal Companies and Divisions

4737. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI :

SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any increase in the number of coal companies and coal divisions in the country in 1985-86;