

(c) the reasons for the leakage in Bombay High pipeline; and

(d) the action taken to rectify the leakage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The maintenance systems include:

(i) Inspection of risers every year to check wall thickness in the splash zone area.

(ii) Survey of pipeline condition once in five years and rectification of any abnormality observed.

(iii) Regular injection of corrosion inhibitor in the pipeline.

(iv) Corrosion monitoring by the iron count method carried out at fortnightly intervals.

(c) The leakage occurred due to localized thinning of pipe metal in splash zone of the pipeline riser due to external corrosion over a period of time.

(d) To ensure that such situations do not recur, ONGC have introduced the system of thickness measurement through 100 mm close grid. All the 458 risers have been inspected and 31 risers have been repaired.

[*Translation*]

Maintenance of Telephones

1169. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:
SHRI JANARDAN MISRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether MTNL has formed a special task force for the proper maintenance of telephones during monsoon season;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to issue guidelines for forming such task force in other parts of the country also;

(c) if so, the time by which the guidelines will be issued; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) No, Sir. Only detailed guidelines and instructions have been issued in regard to taking pre-monsoon precautions and in regard to attending to cable faults as & when experienced.

(b) to (d): Similar guidelines & instructions have also been issued to other parts of the country.

[*English*]

Indo-Saudi Pipe Coating Consortium

1170. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI :
SHRI CHETAN P.S.
CHAUHAN :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the ONGC has expressed its concern over the poor performance of otoklin-al-qahatani, and Indo-Saudi pipe coating consortium;