

involved in oil theft. He has been placed under suspension and departmental proceedings initiated against him. He is also facing trial in a Court of Law along with others involved in the thefts.

[English]

Tapti Gas Fields

2068. SHRI SHIVLAL NAGJIIBHAI
VEKARIA:

SHRI SHANKERSINH
VAGHELA:

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

(a) whether the Government have decided to award development of Tapti Gas Field to a private party;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any commitment was made earlier to earmark gas from Tapti fields for power plants at Pipavav;

(d) if so, the reasons for not honouring the commitment and diverting Tapti gas to HBJ pipeline;

(e) whether the gas now produced in Tapti field is sufficient to meet the shortfall at Hazira and the proposed power plant at pipavav; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) and (b). The Government has approved the finalisation of contract for

development of Mid and South Tapti field with a consortium of Enron Exploration Company of USA and Reliance Industries of India.

(c) and (d). The decision to bring gas from Mid Tapti and South Tapti to Hazira was taken in view of the allocation of gas from Gandhar to the power projects in Gujarat.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

[Translation]

New Telephone Exchanges in M.P.

2069. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN:
SHRI SURAJBHANU
SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set-up new telephone exchanges in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the location and capacity of each exchange;

(c) the time by which these are likely to be commissioned; and

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As given in the enclosed Statement.

(c) These are likely to be commissioned by March '95.

(d) The expenditure is likely to be Rs. 350 Crores. (Approx.)

Statement

List of New Telephone exchanges proposed to be set up in Madhya Pradesh during 1994-95

1. Large exchanges:

Sl. No.	Place	Capacity	Remarks
1	Bhopal	8000	(E-10B)
2.	Indore	10000	(E-10B)
3.	Rewa	2500	(CDOT)
4.	Satna	3500	(")
5.	Guna	2000	(")
6.	Rajnandgaon	2000	(")
7.	Korba	2000	(")
8.	Burhanpur	3500	(")
9.	Bhopal	10000	(New Technology)
10.	Indore	20000	(New Technology)

11. Medium capacity exchanges

1.	Kolaras	424	(C-DOT)
2.	Lahar	424	(")
3.	Meghnagar	424	(")
4.	Sihora	1200	(")
5.	Simga	400	(")
6.	Ghatbilod	400	(")

Sl. No.	Place	Capacity	Remarks
7.	Betul	400	(")
8.	Khategaon	400	(")
9.	Biora	1200	(")
10.	Ganjbasoda	1400	(")
11.	Inowgaon	424	(")
12.	Damoh	1200	(")
13.	Dhar	1400	(")
14.	Kanker	1200	(")
15.	Morena	1200	(")
16.	Chattarpur	1000	(")
17.	Chhindwara	1000	(")
18.	Gotegaon	1000	(")
19.	Nadga	1000	(")
20.	Raisen	1000	(")
21.	Sendhwa	1000	(")
22.	Sehore	1400	(")
23.	Dhamtari	1200	(")
24.	Pipariya	1000	(")
25.	Mhow	1000	(")
26.	Rajgarh	1000	(")

III. Small Capacity Exchanges: 200 numbers of small capacity exchanges of 88 lines each are also proposed to be set up at various places of Madhya Pradesh in rural areas.