

Additional Capacities at Haldia Port Complex

3926. SHRI SUBRATA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the installation of additional capacities in the ore-handling plant and coal handling plant at Haldia Port Complex;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Need for it has not been felt on account of the traffic projections.

Gas Reserves in K.G. Basin

3927. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated quantity of gas reserves in the K.G. Basin on-shore and off-shore separately;

(b) the quantity of recoverable gas from the on-shore drilling operations;

(c) whether the Government have plan to convert it into cooking gas and also to utilise it for transportation; and

if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE

MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) The in-place Geological reserves of gas estimated as on 1.4.94 in KG Basin onland and offshore are 56380.1 MMm³ and 18178.2 MMm³, respectively.

(b) As on 1.4.94, the recoverable reserves of gas from KG onland is 31316.6 MMm³.

(c) and (d). The gas projected to be available has been fully allocated to power, fertiliser and other projects.

[*Translation*]

P and T Services in North East Region

3928. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to improve the telephone, post and telegraph services in North East-ern region of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) To improve the telephone and telegraph and postal services, following steps are being taken on continuing basis:

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1. Replacement of worn out telephone instruments by new ones.
2. Replacement of worn out electro-mechanical exchanges by electronic ones.