

by the restriction of booking of ordinary telegrams is being compiled and the same will be placed on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

**Registration for DBC**

5467. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for which gas consumers, who are already registered are asked to get themselves registered for second cylinder (DBC) in all States ; and

(b) whether Government propose to give second cylinder on payment on the basis of previous registration ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Since all the existing consumers may not like to incur expenditure on a second cylinder, the option has been given to the consumer to get themselves registered.

(b) No, Sir.

[*English*]

**Exploration of Ganga Valley to find out Oil Reserves**

5468. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision was taken by Government some back to explore parts of the Ganga Valley to find out oil reserves;

(b) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission had earmarked some amount, and directions were also issued regarding the area for the exploration work; and

(c) if so, the details regarding the progress in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) ONGC has been conducting exploration in the Ganga basin and more or less the entire area has been covered by geological and geophysical surveys. On the basis of these surveys seven wells have been drilled but no commercial discoveries have been made so far.

**Illegal Possession of M.E.S. Barracks by Civilians**

5469. SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of complaints received by his Ministry/Defence Headquarters about the illegal possession of MES barracks by the civilians; and

(d) the details of each complaint and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) and (b). Information is being collected.

[*Translation*]

**Telegraphs Service between Khajuwala and Mohangarh in Rajasthan**

5470. SHRI MOHAR SINGH RATHORE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether telegraphs service will be made available after every twenty kilometres, between Khajuwala and Mohangarh in Rajasthan, the area irrigated by Indira Canal; and

(b) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). The telephone/Telegraph ser-