

recent years which is yet to be stabilised. Some of the large paper mills have also not been able to produce to optimum level on account of a variety of problems, including financial constraints, raw material shortages, etc. Various fiscal reliefs have been extended to assist the industry in general, and infrastructural support improved to enable the industry to achieve higher capacity utilisation.

#### **Setting up of Complaints Cells in Telephone Districts**

1031. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently set up Complaints Cells in the Area Manager's offices in Metropolitan Telephone Districts and in the office of the General Manager, Telephones in the case of major telephone districts ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). The Complaints Cells in the Major and Metropolitan Telephone Districts have been functioning for some years past.

At present in the Metropolitan Telephone Districts these are controlled by officers of Group 'A' in the Headquarters and each Area Manager's office alongwith other supporting staff and by an officer of Group 'A' or 'B' as per requirements alongwith other supporting staff in each Major Telephone District.

#### **Construction of Post Offices, RMS and Administrative Buildings and Postal Stock Depots During Seventh Five Year Plan**

1032. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of post offices buildings, RMS Buildings, administrative buildings and postal stock depots proposed to be constructed during the Seventh Five Year Plan in different States ; and

(b) the year-wise and State-wise details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and

(b). The Seventh Five-Year Plan is yet to be finalised by the Planning Commission. As such building programme yearwise and state-wise has not been finalised so far.

#### **Oil Exploration in Kerala**

1033. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any plan for oil exploration in Kerala ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether any attempts in this direction were made in the past ; and

(d) if so, the result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, in offshore Kerala Konkan basin, about, 10,000 line kilometres of seismic lines are proposed to be shot. Depending on the results of survey, exploratory drilling would be undertaken.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Eased on the surveys conducted so far, the onland Kerala is not considered prospective for hydrocarbons.

#### **Opening of post offices in Aland Talukas, Gulbarga**

1034. SHRI NARSING RAO SURYA-WANSHI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government have received any request dated the 31ST May, 1984 from President, BCCI, Aland, District Gulbarga regarding opening of Post Offices in Aland talukas ;

(b) if so, whether post offices have been opened there ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

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

(b) and (c). Opening of new post offices and ungradation of existing post offices has been found not justified according to the departmental norms.