

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) the steps taken to open some more petrol pumps in Keonjher district in view of growing demand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) The Oil Industry has set up 19 Retail Outlet (Petrol/Diesel) dealership in Distt. Keonjher, Orissa.

(b) & (c). Two Retail Outlets at the following locations have become inoperative due to financial problems faced by the dealers :—

1. Tengarani ;
2. Keonjhergarh.

(d) One Retail Outlet dealership is in the process of being set up, for which candidates have been interviewed as a prelude to selection.

#### Compressed Natural Gas substitute for Petrol in Motor Vehicles

9119. SHRI P.M. SAYEED :

SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM :

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

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Commission is introducing compressed natural gas as a substitute for petrol in its own vehicles ;

(b) if so, whether there is some special device invented for the purpose ;

(c) whether experiments have been successful in this regard ;

(d) whether the technology can be transferred to the motor vehicle manufacturers ; and

(e) the reduction in running cost as compared to petrol and diesel run vehicles ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) to (e). By using an imported dual fuel conversion kit, ONGC has converted a conventional petrol fuelled jeep to run either on Compressed Natural

Gas (CNG) or on petrol. The experiment is continuing and has not yet reached the stage of commercial use.

#### Leaking LPG Cylinders Rejected by Ludhiana Agents

9120. SHRI HAFIZ MOHD. SIDDIQ : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of leaking gas cylinders despatched from Delhi to Ludhiana were rejected ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Allocation for Development of Industries in 'No Industry' Districts

9121. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount that will be made available by the Union Government for the development of industries in 'no industry' (category A districts) in the country during 1986-87 ; and

(b) the total amount going to be given to Kerala for this purpose during this period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) & (b). Budget provisions in respect of incentive schemes viz. Central Investment Subsidy, Transport Subsidy and Central Assistance for Development of Infrastructure Facilities in 'No-Industry Districts', implemented by this Ministry for the development of backward areas/'No-Industry Districts' are not made State-wise or district-wise. Funds are released as and when the claims are received from various States/Union Territories.

#### Setting up of Telephone Exchanges in Idukki District, Kerala

9122. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a number of telephone exchanges in the