

not possible at this stage to make an assessment of foreign exchange saving.

(d) Sub-sea completion is one of the various methods of producing crude oil from offshore areas, where platform construction is difficult or is not viable. It does not itself contribute to improvement in production of oil.

#### **Supply of Gas through H.B.J. Pipeline**

1472. SHRI JITENDRA PRASADA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of natural gas which is being supplied through the Hazira-Bijaipur-Jagdishpur pipeline or proposed to be supplied through this pipeline;

(b) the quantity of gas to be utilised in the next three years and in which projects; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up LPG (cooking gas) cum-propane extraction plant along the Hazira-Bijaipur-Jagdishpur gas pipeline; if so, the proposed site for the plant and the amount of funds to be spent on this plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) and (b). The HBJ Pipeline is expected to commence supply of gas this year at about 1.65 MMCMD to Bijaipur Fertilizer Plant. This is expected to increase over the next three years to reach a figure of about 14 MMCMD by 1990. Supply would be made to various fertilizer and power plants being set up along the pipeline, and additional consumers are also being located.

(c) It has been proposed to locate this plant at Bijaipur (M.P.) and its cost has been estimated at about Rs. 185 crores.

#### **Setting up of office of Development Commissioner at Bangalore**

1473. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any office of the Development Commissioner for small scale industries at Bangalore; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to set up such office to serve the small scale industries of Southern Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). The Small Industries Service Institutes located at Bangalore and Hubli including their Branch Offices are already in the service of small industries in Karnataka. Similarly, Small Industries Development Organisation through its net work of Small Industries Service Institutes, Branch Institutes, Extension Centres, Regional Testing Centres, Field Testing Stations etc located in other States of Southern Region are serving the small scale industries.

#### **Supply of Gum to Post Office**

1474. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether gum is being supplied to all post offices in the country;

(b) if so, the total amount spent for the supply of gum per year;

(c) whether there is any proposal to stop supply of gum; and

(d) if so, whether Government would ensure that public is not deprived of this essential facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No separate account of expenditure for supply of gum is maintained.

(c) No, Sir.