

Capacity Expansion of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation at Visakhapatnam

2336. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the capacity of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation at Visakhapatnam is being expanded;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation has identified that several industries such as OXO alcohols, linear Benzene Acrylonitrile, etc. can be developed if raw materials separation facility is set up;

(d) if so, the likely date by which M/s. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation will set up this raw material separation facility at Visakhapatnam; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). HPCL has been accorded approval for separation of propylene at their Visakh refinery for supply to an OXO-Alcohols plant, a joint venture project of Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation and Andhra Petrochemicals Ltd. This project is expected to be completed by early 1990. HPCL has also submitted a proposal for the production of N-Paraffins, a raw materials for manufacture of linear Alkyl Benzene. These facilities will be set up within 33 months from the date of Government approval.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Waiting list for Telephone connections in Vyara Telephone Exchange in Surat Telephone Division

2337. SHRI C.D. GAMIT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons in the waiting list for telephone connections in Vyara Telephone Exchange in Surat Telephone Division from 1985 to March, 1987 and the number of telephone connections out of them provided so far with details thereof;

(b) the reasons for not providing the telephone connections to the rest of persons and when the remaining telephone connections will be provided; and

(c) the details of the concrete steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The information is given in the Statement below.

(b) The Telephone connections could not be provided as the exchange could not be expanded due to non-availability of Space in the old exchange building.

(c) The exchange has been shifted and expanded from 300 lines to 360 lines in the new building. The release of connections will be made after issue of Gazette notification regarding introduction of Metering System. The exchange is planned for further expansion by 120 lines this year. Existing Waiting list is likely to be cleared after this expansion, by March, 88.

STATEMENT

1. The Waiting list as on 1.1.86 is 78 (OYT-9. N—OYTs—7, Genl-62)