

(d) whether it is proposed to construct more godowns during the current year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD):

(a) The number of godowns with the Food Corporation of India in Kerala, owned and hired taken together, is 37.

(b) The Corporation has added one godown in Kerala during 1986-87.

(c) As on 1-3-1987, the covered storage capacity with the Corporation in Kerala was 5.26 lakh tonnes.

(d) and (e). Construction of additional storage capacity in Kerala is under consideration of the Corporation.

Setting up of think tank by
ONGC

7198. SHRI S. M. GURADDI :
SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA :

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

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has set up a think tank comprising leading energy experts of the country to advise the commission on critical areas;

(b) if so, what will be the main functions of this think tank;

(c) whether any suggestions have been made by them so far to the ONGC; and

(d) if so, the details of the same and to what extent it will be beneficial to the ONGC ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTTA) : (a) and (b). Oil and Natural Gas Commission has set up Advisory Councils to advise on critical areas

of Exploration Strategy and Human Resource Development;

The Advisory Council on Exploration Strategy will advise ONGC on long term perspective plans, methods and technologies to be adopted by ONGC. It will also identify specific areas for detailed studies in respect of any region, business group or sub-unit of the commission.

The Advisory Council on Human Resource Development will study the long term perspective plan of the commission with reference to Human Resources Group and make recommendations, from time to time, in regard to modification of personnel policies, norms for manning, training and development plans, industrial relations etc.

(c) and (d). One meeting each of the Advisory Council on Exploration Strategy and Advisory Council on Human Resource Development has been held, which provided an opportunity for inter-action amongst the members of the respective councils.

In the meeting of Advisory Council on Exploration Strategy, the present exploration strategy, basinal priorities and the strategy required for exploration in basins abroad were covered. This is expected to bring about a greater element of refinement in policy relating to exploration strategy.

In the meeting of Advisory Council of Human Resources, discussions were held on optimisation of manpower, removal of obsolescence, methods of motivation and manpower development to cope up with Corporate growth and objectives of the organisation.

Loss damage due to "Rasta Roko"
agitation in Gujarat

7199. SHRI P. R. S. VENKATESAN :
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any loss or damage was caused to the telecommunications equipment or property during the recent "Rasta Roko" agitation in Gujarat by the Kisan Samanvay Samiti held in March, 1987; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken to repair the damage and to restore the services ?

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

(b) Damages were to the tune of Rs. 18,35,000. 836 telephones were rendered dead. 636 telephones have been restored. Remaining are expected to be restored by the end of may, 1987.

ISI specification for ordinary Portland Cement

7200. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the Bureau of Indian Standards' (ISI) specification for ordinary Portland Cement;

(b) whether these specifications are in conformity with British specifications for ordinary Portland Cement;

(c) if not, what is the difference;

(d) whether ISI specifications for ordinary Portland Cement prescribe any specific

colour for ordinary Portland Cement;

(e) whether ordinary Portland Cement manufacturers are allowed to have a different colour; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The details of Bureau of Indian Standards specification for ordinary Portland Cement are as under :

(i) IS : 269-1976 Specification for ordinary and low heat portland cement.

(ii) IS : 8112-1976 Specification for high strength ordinary Portland cement.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) A comparative Statement is given below.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Does not arise.