

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Soviet organisations will carry out intensive integrated exploration in North Cambay and Cauvery onshore basins as per programme given below :

	North Cambay	Cauvery
Seismic survey	3100 LKM	4000 LKM
<i>Drilling</i>		
(a) No. of wells	38	37
(b) Meterage	81,500	1,22,000
Duration	1986-1992	1986-1995

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Against the option given, the Soviet Side have chosen areas in the North Cambay and Cauvery onshore basins

(e) & (f). According to the present plan, ONGC alone will drill oil wells in the onland Krishna-Godavari basin. However, it has been decided to offer a few blocks in the offshore areas of this basin to foreign oil companies to bid for exploration.

**Connecting islands in Lakshadweep with Kerala mainland by telephone service**

300. PROF. K.V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) how many islands in Lakshadweep are connected to Kerala mainland by telephone services ; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the communication system in the islands ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Out of 10 main Islands only two viz. Kavarathy and Minicoy are connected by Telephone Service to Kerala Mainland.

(b) The following steps are proposed to be taken to improve the telecommunication services in the Islands.

(i) Satellite Earth Stations have been proposed at Androth, Agathy, Ameni and Kalpani. UHF links (Radio systems) have been proposed between Ameni-Kadamath, Ameni-Kiltan. Chetlat-Kiltan and Chetlat-Bitra.

(ii) STD for Kavarathy has been proposed for 1988-89.

(iii) A 45 lines telephone exchange has been proposed at Chetlat for the current financial year.

[Translation]

**S.T.D. services between Delhi and Ballia and between Delhi, Azamgarh and Gazipur**

301. SHRI JAGANNATH CHOUHDARY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce S.T.D. service between Delhi and Ballia and between Delhi Azamgarh and Gazipur ;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

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

(b) & (c). It is planned to introduce STD facilities to Ballia, Azamgarh and Gazipur during the 7th plan period by linking them with Varanasi Trunk Automatic Exchange which will provide nation-

wide subscriber dialling facility to number of stations including Delhi.

[English]

**Connecting Bankura with Delhi and Calcutta by STD**

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

(a) whether there is any proposal for connecting Bankura with Delhi and Calcutta by STD system ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) & (b). Bankura is a manual exchange. It has been planned to connect Bankura with Delhi and Calcutta for STD by linking it with Asansol Trunk Automatic Exchange after automatisisation of Bankura and providing reliable transmission medium between Bankura and Asansol.

**Allocation of cement to Tripura**

303. SHRI AJOY BISWAS : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the total requirement of cement of Tripura in 1984 and 1985 ;

(b) the allocation of cement by the Union Government to Tripura during the above period ; and

(c) the actual quantity of cement despatched during the period to Tripura ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The requirements of State Governments for cement are not obtained on regular basis, nor had the Government of Tripura intimated their requirements in 1984 and 1985.

(b) and (c). The details of allocation of levy cement and despatches of levy cement

made to the Government of Tripura (under State quota) during the years 1984 and 1985 are given below :

(figures in thousand tonnes)

Year	Allocation (including Irrigation & Power Projects)	Despatches (including Irrigation & Power Projects)
1984	66	27
1985	67	36 (Provisional)

**Details of rigs deployed for drilling**

304. SHRI AMAL DATTA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the places where drilling for petroleum/gas is going on and the stage of drilling in each such place details thereof ;

(b) how many rigs are in use for oil/gas exploration ;

(c) whether the present number of rigs are insufficient and in some case unsuitable ;

(d) whether non-availability of suitable rigs is hindering drilling operations ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) The drilling is going on in the following places/basins :

Cambay

Assam and Arakan

Kutch-Saurashtra

Rajasthan