

**Commercial Broadcasting on A.I.R.,
Coimbatore Station**

2479. SHRI ERA MOHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start commercial broadcasting on A.I.R., Coimbatore Station; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be implemented and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b). All India Radio's proposals include setting up a Commercial Broadcasting Centre at Coimbatore during 1980-85 plan period. However, these draft proposals are yet to be approved by the Government.

Royalty on crude payable to Gujarat

2480. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH:

SHRI MOTIBHAI R. CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat State receives a royalty of Rs. 30/- per tonne of crude which was fixed some five years ago;

(b) what has been the rise in the price of crude since this amount was fixed; and

(c) whether Government have now decided to fix this royalty amount on a percentage basis per tonne rather than on a flat amount?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) No, Sir. The royalty @ Rs. 42/- per M.T. is payable to the Government of Gujarat w.e.f. 8-9-1976 on crude oil and casing head condensate produced in the State of Gujarat.

(b) There is no change in the basic price or indigenously produced crude oil since September, 1976.

(c) No decision has been taken till now. The entire matter is due for review only in September, 1980.

**Agreement with Nepal for extending
the embankment over river Kamala**

2481. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was an agreement with the Government of Nepal for extending the embankments over river Kamala in Madhubani district of Bihar beyond Jaynagar upto Mirchaiya in Nepal;

(b) if so, causes of delay in this extension and the time schedule for completion;

(c) whether the Eastern and Western Kamala canals are short of water during lean seasons; and

(d) what steps are being taken to augment the same?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR PANDEY): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

बम्बई हाई गैस के उपयोग के बारे में राज्य सरकारों के सुझाव

2482. श्री नरसिंह मकवाना : क्या पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राज्य सरकारों में बम्बई हाई गैस के उपयोग के बारे में कोई सुझाव प्राप्त हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उस पर कब तक निर्णय ले लिया जायेगा ; और

(ग) इस सुझाव के सम्बन्ध में क्या सम्बन्धित राज्य सरकारों के साथ विचार विमर्श किया गया है और यदि हाँ, तो ऐसा कब तक कर लिया जायेगा ?