

Study undertaken by setting up Energy Projects by World Bank

3281. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank team has undertaken studies in U.P. and other States on the setting up of energy projects in rural areas;

(b) if so, whether they have made any recommendations in the matter and specified any projects to be set up; and

(c) whether the World Bank would provide any financial assistance in the setting up of those projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Two Credit Agreements have so far been concluded between the Govt. of India and the World Bank (International Development Association) for funding certain rural electrification programmes in the country being financed by the Rural Electrification Corporation. Negotiations for a third Credit for rural electrification programmes are presently in progress. As in the case of the first two Credits, for the third Credit also a World Bank appraisal team has undertaken field visits in selected areas covered by the rural electrification projects financed by the Rural Electrification Corporation in certain States including Uttar Pradesh, as a part of its appraisal work.

(b) and (c). Details of the rural electrification scheme to be taken up in the third Credit and the financial assistance involved would be available only after negotiations are concluded.

Issue of Telephone Directory in Greater Bombay

3282. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) when were the telephone directories for Greater Bombay last issued;

(b) the reasons for the non-issue of recent up-to-date telephone directory for Greater Bombay causing a lot of hardships to subscribers; and

(c) steps being taken to ensure expeditious issue of up-to-date directory and the time by which the new directory is expected to be issued ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) The English Telephone Directory for Bombay was published in Sept. 1979. Supplements were brought out in January, July and December, 1980. The Hindi Telephone Directory was published in December, 1980.

(b) The reasons for non-issue of recent up-to-date English directory were (i) delay in the supply of printing paper; (ii) delay in finalising new contract with the computer Agency.

(c) Now that the supply of printing paper has been finalised and the contract with the Computer Agency has also been finalised, the English directory is likely to be printed by March '82 and the Hindi Directory by April '82.

Production of L.P.G.

3283. SHRI DAULATSINHJI JADEJA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the annual production of liquified petroleum gas in the country at present;

(b) the total number of consumers to whom the L.P.G. is being supplied at present;

(c) the total number of consumers listed for new connections as on 31st March, 1981; and

(d) the steps taken by Government recently to increase the production of L.P.G. to meet the demand ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) The present production of Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) in the country is about 4 lakh tonnes.

(b) and (c). There are about 35 lakh registered customers at present. The information regarding the number of applicants for LPG connections as on 31-3-81 is not readily available. However, the number of applicants as on 31-12-1980 was about 37 lakhs.

(d) About 5 lakh tonnes of LPG is expected to be additionally available from the Uran Plant of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC), and the Mathura and Koyali refineries by 1982-83. Besides the LPG Extraction plant of the Oil India Limited in Assam is expected to produce another 60,000 tonnes by