

in the normal rural area and 10 per cent of the estimated cost in the tribal/backward areas. In the case of other villages of the country, a population condition of 2000 in the normal areas and 1000 in tribal/backward areas has been prescribed. The population condition of 1000 for tribal/backward areas can be made up of a single village or a cluster of villages within a radius of 1.5 Kms. It would thus be seen that Gram Panchayat villages have been given a concession in regard to population condition and it is likely that a sizeable number of Gram Panchayat villages may have a post office each during the Sixth Five Year Plan if the two conditions mentioned above are fulfilled.

**Tele-Com.**—It is proposed to extend telecommunications facilities to about 20,000 places in the rural areas of the country during the Sixth Five Year Plan. While some of the Panchayats (Villages) may qualify under the present policy of the P&T Department for provision of telecommunication facility others may not.

#### Vacant posts at Ratnagiri Radio Station

210. **SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULEKAR:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) how many C.G.I. posts at Ratnagiri Station of All India Radio are still vacant, for how many months and the reasons;

(b) are Government aware that there is no Accountant or Head Clerk appointed at Ratnagiri Station of AIR and if so, the reasons and since when the posts are vacant; and

(c) why the appointments were not made and how the office work is functioning without an accountant?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE):** (a) None.

(b) and (c). One post of Accountant/Head Clerk has been vacant since 24-1-1981. Orders transferring the Head Clerk/Accountant from All India Radio, Nagpur, against this vacancy were issued and the person was relieved on 13-3-1981. He has not yet joined duties at Ratnagiri. A senior most Clerk Grade I has been looking after the work of Head Clerk/Accountant.

#### Film on Exodus of Indians

211. **SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mauritius had approached India for making a film on the exodus of Indians to the Indian Ocean Island during the 19th Century:

(b) if so, what facilities and assistance Government of India propose to give to Mauritius in this regard; and

(c) the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE):** (a) to (c). The Minister for Information and Broadcasting Mauritius, had during his recent visit to India, discussed with the Chairman and the Managing Director of the N.F.D.C., the question of co-production of a film on the history of Indians, who migrated to Mauritius in the beginning of the 19th Century. The discussions were of a preliminary nature. A detailed proposal together with synopsis/script is yet to be received.

#### Commissioning of Mathura Refinery

212. **SHRI R. R. BHOLE:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mathura Refinery, which was to be commissioned in April, 1980, has not been commissioned as yet;

(b) the reasons for this abnormal delay and what efforts were made to overcome the factors responsible for delayed execution of the project;

(c) total amount spent on this refinery so far and how much is the cost escalation due to delay in commissioning of the Refinery; and

(d) by what time the refinery is expected to be commissioned now and whether the work is going according to schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main reasons for delay in the commissioning of the project since April, 1980 are acute power shortage, undue delay in supply of equipment and materials by indigenous vendors, continuous labour unrest experienced by the contractors at site, etc. Various steps were taken by the Government to overcome the factors responsible for the delay. Inter-ministerial meetings were held to expedite the supply from public sector undertakings, private contractors and vendors were urged to speed up the deliveries, diesel generating sets were installed to overcome the problem of acute power shortage, etc.

(c) A sum of Rs. 229.71 crores has been spent on Mathura Refinery project upto 30th June, 1981. The revised cost estimates approved by the Government in May 1979 came to Rs. 192.32 crores. The extent of escalation in the cost of the project on account of the delay in its commissioning has not been precisely quantified yet.

(d) As per present indications a part of the Refinery is likely to be commissioned by October 1981 and it would be fully commissioned by the end of 1981-82.

### Production from Wells in Bombay High

213. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wells in Bombay High began production in 1980;

(b) how many more wells in Bombay High are expected to begin production in 1981;

(c) the steps taken so far in this regard; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHY): (a) 11 wells were put on production during calendar year 1980.

(b) 15 wells have already been put on production and an additional 13 are likely to put on production by the end of calendar year 1981.

(c) Drilling for additional wells (13) is in final stage of progress and action has been taken to commission the Platforms on which these wells have been drilled.

(d) The eleven wells put on production during the calendar year are, two wells of platform NI, one well of platform NK, three wells of platform SA and five wells of platform SB.

The wells already on production during 1981 are three wells of platform NL, one well of platform SA, one well of platform NK, four wells of platform NP, four wells of platform NJ and two wells of platform NM.

The wells under drilling which are likely to be put on production before the end of the calendar year 1981 are five wells of platform SI, five wells of platform SE and three wells of platform NM.