

Demand of GAIL for Higher Price for LPG

1755. SHRI M. BAGA REDDY:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether the Government have directed the oil co-ordination committee to consider the demand of the Gas Authority of India Limited for higher price for the LPG to be produced from its new plant;

(b) if so, whether the said committee has implemented or undertaken the job; and

(c) if so, the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Pursuant to Government's decision of September, 1997 on details of phasing of dismantling of Administered Price Mechanism, the system of retention pricing has been abolished for all the existing and new refineries effective 1.4.1998. Refinery Gate Price of controlled products including LPG is being fixed by OCC at 'tariff adjusted import parity' price for new refineries/extraction plants including GAIL.

Waiting List for Telephone Connections in Orissa

1756. SHRI BHARTRAHARI MAHTAB: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in Orissa as on January 31, 1999, district-wise;

(b) the number of telephone connections allotted in the State during the last three years, district-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to take any action to clear the backlog of telephone connections in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA):

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in Orissa as on 31.1.99 was 34424. District-wise waiting list of telephone connections in Orissa as on 31.1.99 is as per Statement enclosed.

(b) The number of telephone connections provided in the State during the last three years is as under:

1995-96	31014
1996-97	32505
1997-98	67178

District-wise telephone connections provided in the State during the last three years is as per the statement enclosed.

(c) and (d) Out of a target of providing 60000 new telephone connections, upto 31.1.99, 40368 connections were provided. Out of the waiting list of 34424 as on 31.1.99 it is expected that another about 19600 number of telephone connections will be provided during the period from Jan-March 99. The balance waiting list will be cleared progressively during the next financial year.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Revenue District	Waiting list as on 31.1.99	DEls Added during last three year		
			1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Angul	455	1384	1378	2117
2.	Balasore	2077	1355	1442	2324
3.	Bargarh	469	1095	963	1574