

graph offices in existence at present in Bangalore City is 110, Sir.

(b) Telegraph facility is available in new extension areas like Jeevan Bhimanagar, J. P. Nagar and Banashankari. Proposals for upgrading the telegraph facilities in Miniseddipalaya, Dooravaninagar and Vijayanagar are under consideration.

Kerosene Mixed with Naphtha Supplied by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation in Kerala

498. SHRI SURESH KURUP : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether in Kerala the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation has distributed kerosene mixed with naphtha ;

(b) whether due to this, seven persons died and a number of persons were injured while using this kerosene ;

(c) whether Government have conducted any enquiry into this incident ;

(d) if so, the out come thereof; and

(e) whether the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation has given any compensation to the victims ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) :

(a) Some supplies of kerosene oil made in January/February, 1985 from the Cochin Terminal of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited have been found to be contaminated with Naphtha/Motor-Spirit.

(b) As on the 12th March, 1985, 13 persons are reported to have died and 109 person injured in fire accidents caused by the contaminated kerosene oil.

(c) and (d) : Apart from the investigation being conducted by the Crime Branch of Kerala State Police into the cases registered, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation has ordered an enquiry by a Technical Committee and its report is expected in the last week of March, 1985.

(e) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation has contributed Rs. 4 lakhs to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for providing relief to the affected families. The State Government has ordered the District Collectors to make ex-gratia payments to the affected families.

Targets for Installation of New Telephone Lines during Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans

499. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the target fixed for intalling new telephone lines in the country during the Sixth Five Year Plan ;

(b) the achievement made so far;

(c) whether the target fixed has not been achieved; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the target fixed for installing new telephone lines in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan period and the amount earmarked therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) 13.30 lakh lines.

(b) 7.56 lakh lines by 31.1.85.

(c) No, Sir. The target has not been achieved. The shortfall is mainly due to ;