

**Hindustan Teleprinters Limited, Madras**

5518. SHRI KANCI PANNEER SELVAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the production the financial performance of Hindustan Teleprinters Limited during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for unsatisfactory performance;

(c) whether its marketing organisation lacks expertise as compared to that of the private sector; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve the performance of Hindustan Teleprinters Limited?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRI SHNAN): (a)

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Production performance</i>	<i>1987-88</i>	<i>1988-89</i>	<i>1989-90</i>
1.	Electromechanical Teleprinters (units)	6510	5077	2112
2.	Electronic Teleprinters (Nos.)	2200	4266	5807
3.	L/P 3/5 Attachment (Nos.)	973	106	420
4.	Electric Typewriters (Nos.)	1214	421	12
5.	Date Modem (Nos.)	342	91	16
6.	Spares (Rs. in lakhs)	317.71	316.33	423.23

## Financial Performance

Turnover (sales & Services) (Rs. in crores)	19.73	28.01	34.78
Profit before Tax. (Rs. in crores)	3.21	3.01	2.24*

## \*After wage increases

The 1989-90 figures are provisional and unaudited.

(b) The performance is not unsatisfactory and new products and technology are being introduced in stages. Electromechanical Teleprinters and Electric Typewriters are being phased out and Electronic Teleprinters are now being produced. The turnover in 1989-90 has increased by about 25% over the previous year.

(c) As the Company supplied mostly to Department of Telecom and other Government Departments and only four regional sales and services centres have been set up and these are adequate at present.

(d) In the Corporate Plan of Hindustan Teleprinters Limited for the decade 1990-2000, it is proposed to take up manufacture of telecom power-plants, messaging products, postal automation products and data transmission products. R & D activities of the

Company are also being strengthened. Necessary training will also be imparted to workers to build up skills for manufacture of electronics products.

[*Translation*]

**Setting up of Fertilizer Plant in Mirzapur District of Uttar Pradesh**

5519. SHRI SUBEDAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set up a fertilizer plant at Mohanpur in Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the time by which the fertilizer plant will be set up?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Setting up of Phosphatic Fertilizer Factory in Hirapur (Madhya Pradesh)**

5520. SHRI SUKHENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are huge deposits of valuable Rock-Phosphate ore at Hirapur in Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh and no industry based on this ore has been set up there;

(b) whether the National Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (NCFL) had conducted a survey there last year;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to set up a phosphate fertilizer factory or an allied industry in the said area; and

(d) if so, when it is likely to be cleared?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) and (b). The Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited has completed investigations for phosphorite in Hirapur area of Madhya Pradesh and has estimated a tentative reserve of 6 million tonnes of rockphosphate with 30% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> content.

(c) There is no proposal with the Government at present for putting up any phosphatic fertilizer factory based on Hirapur rock-phosphate in the State of M.P.

(d) Do not arise.

[*English*]

**Retention Prices Scheme for Fertilizer**

5521. SHRISHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether the changes in retention prices scheme have affected the profits and profitability of fertilizer units to a greater extent

(b) if so, whether any study has been conducted in this regard by an expert committee;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) The steps taken to meet the situation and help the fertilizer industry?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The changes in the retention price and subsidy scheme have affected the profits and profitability of fertilizer units to some extent.

(b) to (d). In November, 1989, Planning