

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H.N. BAHUGUNA): (a) and (b). The 'Post-restante' service is working satisfactorily and is meeting adequately the needs of the class of persons, who avail this service. The question of expanding this service or adequately staffing the concerned sections in post offices, does not, therefore, arise.

DOLLARS AND STERLING IN ORDINARY MAIL

5743. SHRI M. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large amount of Cash Dollars and Sterling are received from foreign countries to various addresses in India through ordinary Mail;

(b) if so, the amount involved every month; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H.N. BAHUGUNA): (a) No Sir, in as much as the Indian Post Office does not admit such articles in ordinary or registered post.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Any article suspected to contain such articles in breach of Government orders will be tendered to Customs for such action as may be required under the Customs regulations.

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT OF INDIAN AND EASTERN NEWSPAPERS SOCIETY ON NEWS-PRINT ALLOCATION POLICY

5744. SHRI M. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the Statement of the President of the Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society that the new newspaper allocation policy would have a disastrous effect on the economy and growth of newspapers; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) *Prima facie*, there is no reason to believe that the effect on the economy and growth of newspapers will be disastrous. Government would, however, like to await the report of the Fact-finding Committee recently appointed before coming to a final conclusion.

MEDIUM-SCALE INDUSTRIES IN TAMIL NADU

5745. SHRI M. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of medium scale industries in Tamil Nadu and the items manufactured by them;

(b) the total investment in the medium scale industries in the State; and

(c) the number of persons employed therein?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) to (c). Separate statistics are not maintained in respect of medium scale industries. Further, there is no separate classification of Industries into large and medium scale.

TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONE LINES BETWEEN BOMBAY AND MAHARASHTRA

5746. SHRI SHANKERRAO SAVANT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Number of times the Telegraphs and Telephone lines between Bombay and Mahad remained out of order during the year from 1st April, 1971 to 31st March, 1972;

(b) the causes of both the lines getting out of order and the steps being taken in this regard;

(c) the number of telegrams sent by post during 1st April, 1971 to 31st March, 1972