

Statement

It has been decided to STD bar most of the P&T service connections as a measure of economy at all exchanges where facility for STD barring exists or becomes available. In such exchanges STD facility should be barred from all office connections for officers below the rank of Divisional Engineer Telegraphs/Sr. Supdt. of Post Offices and equivalent. The office connections would also include those provided in Telegraph Offices, Telephone Exchanges, Post Offices, etc.

In regard to residential connections, the STD service may be barred from connections provided for officers below the gazetted ranks and on request from officers of gazetted ranks.

Exceptions to the general policy indicated in para 2 above may be made in very special cases by the Heads of Offices (not below the rank of Directors) after recording the reasons why it is considered essential to allow STD facility in the particular cases in public interest. A list of cases in which exceptions are made should be forwarded to the Director General, Posts & Telegraphs (PHA Section) together with the reasons recorded in each case. In respect of STD barred connections, access to the trunk service will be available as usual, i.e. via the manual trunk exchange.

Cement factory at Cooch Behar; West Bengal

6056. SHRI R. N. BARMAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received a scheme from the Government of West Bengal to issue a licence for a cement factory at Cooch Behar, West Bengal;

(b) if so, the outlines of the scheme proposed investment and employment potential and the time by which the Scheme will be cleared by Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in clearing the project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c). An application has been received for a licence from the Government Meghalaya for the setting up of a cement factory at Garo Hills/Cooch Behar as a joint venture with the Government of West Bengal. A sum of Rs. 17 crores is to be spent on the scheme. About 900 persons are likely to get employment in various capacities. The application is being examined in consultation with the various authorities.

Cigarette factory at Cooch Behar, West Bengal

6057. SHRI R. N. BARMAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his ministry has received a request from the Government of West Bengal for the issue of a licence for a cigarette factory to be started at Cooch Behar, (West West Bengal);

(b) if so, the outlines of the scheme, proposed investment and employment potential and how soon the same will be cleared by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) and (b). Recently a proposal was received from the Government of West Bengal for approval in principle to the setting up of a new industrial undertaking in Cooch Behar District for the manufacture of cigarettes by a company with foreign investment. The State Government have been informed that in view of the foreign investment involved, the dominance of foreign companies in this industry and the priority to be