

(b). Total estimated reserves in Bilaspur, Sirmur and Kangra Districts are approximately 225 million tonnes and in Chamba District are tentatively placed at 350 million tonnes.

(c) Production from Bilaspur and Sirmur is presently being utilised in hydrated lime, paper and sugar industries. The cement Corporation of India are setting up a cement factory in Sirmur district with a capacity of 2,00,000 tonnes per annum.

Post Offices to every Villages of Bihar

4256. SHRI RAMANAND TIWARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any time bound programme to provide post offices in each village in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the number of post offices to be opened during the current year and time by which all the villages will have post offices?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI BRIJ LAL VERMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to open 100 post offices in the rural areas of Bihar in the current financial year.

Dismissal of Workmen in Khetri Copper Complex

4258. SHRI S. G. MURUGAIYAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether management of Khetri Copper Complex has dismissed nine workmen on 31st May, 1975 without any charge sheet, enquiry etc.;

(b) if so, the reasons for not following the procedure as per standing orders and law;

(c) whether out of 13 workmen involved in the same criminal case pending, management has chosen 9 trade union workers only for summary dismissals on 31st May, 1975; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) and (b). Nine workmen were dismissed on 31-5-75 in connection with certain incidents of serious violence which took place on 29-5-75 at Kolihan Copper Mines of Khetri Copper Complex.

The issues relating to these workmen have been referred by the Central Government/State Government of Rajasthan to the Industrial Tribunal at Jaipur for adjudication. The matter is subjudice.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Alleged misuse of Telephones installed at Officers' residences

4259. SHRI SHEO NARAIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

a) the economies made by his Ministry in the context of the recent orders issued by the Ministry of Finance in the matter of reducing expenditure on telephones installed both at the residences and offices of the P&T Department;

(b) whether only book adjustment is made in case of calls made from the P&T Officers' Telephones, if so what check is exercised against the misuse of S.T.D. facilities as also the unlimited number of calls allowed to these Officers;

(c) which of the categories of Officers are allowed STD facilities at their Office and Residences and the justification for the same when there is a facility of booking Service Calls always available to them; and