

tions and drug intermediates are levied concessional rates of customs duty.

(b) Yes, Sir. if such production is cost effective.

(c) Small Scale Units, unlike organised sector Units are free to undertake the production of any bulk drug after obtaining the permission for manufacturing and marketing the bulk drug concerned from the Drug controllers of their States. Several other concessions have also been extended by the State Governments and Central Government to such units with a view to boost up production in the Small Scale Sector.

Theft of Insured Parcels

4034. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that certain insured parcels are stolen before these reach their destination ;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents during the last three years ;

(c) whether it is a fact that employees of postal department have been found involved in the theft of insured parcels ;

(d) if so, the details in this regard ; and

(e) the action taken against them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) : The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Pollution Caused by Hindustan Paper Corporation

4035. SHRI SURESH KURUP : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND

COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government propose to take any steps to prevent the pollution caused by the waste thrown into the nearby Muvattupuzha river by the Hindustan Paper Corporation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : The Hindustan Newsprint Ltd. is taking all steps to prevent pollution from the waste being discharged into the Muvattupuzha river. The effluent is given primary treatment for removal of solids and colour and secondary treatment for removal of B.O.D. and only after achieving the standard prescribed by the State Pollution Control Board, the effluent is discharged into the Muvattupuzha river. The Company is also taking in-plant measures to reduce the quantity of effluent to the minimum.

[Translation]

Linking of Chanderpur, Bhandara and Garhchiroli with Bombay and Delhi by S.T.D.

4036. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware that Chanderpur, Bhandara and Garhchiroli are the developing districts of Maharashtra and new entrepreneurs have to face difficulties due to insufficient means of communications ;

(b) whether Government propose to link these three districts with Bombay and Nagpur as well as Delhi by STD service ;

(c) if so, when ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.