

Cancer) and steroids made out of these plants are imported in our country at very high price;

(b) if so, whether Hathi Committee had observed that indigenous know-how for manufacture of drugs from these plants were available with us; and

(c) if so, the reasons why no action was taken by Government to manufacture indigenous products which could have been cheaper and would have saved foreign exchange ?

**THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) :** (a) to (c): According to Import and Export Policy a number of plant and derivatives including Diosgenin and Diosoorea roots are not normally allowed for exports.

The Hathi Committee had identified several essential drugs derived from plant materials and had opened that there was generally no need for importing technologies for most of these drugs. Oncovin (formulation of Vincristine) is not one of the drugs so identified by the Hathi Committee. Technology for the manufacture of Vincristine, Vinblastin from Vinca-rosea has recently been developed in our country.

Imports of steroids are limited to those which are yet to be produced in the country or whose production is inadequate. In order to encourage production of steroids industrial approvals and foreign collaboration are being approved on merits. In order to maintain availability of raw materials, for steroids several manufacturers have undertaken cultivation of Diosoorea.

[*Translation*]

**Law Books Exhibitions and Sale**

**4080. SHRI NARESH CHANDRA CHATURVEDI :** Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether no proper arrangements have been made for holding exhibitions and sale of books, magazines and literature published by the Official Language Wing of the Legislative Department and Vidhi Sahitya Prakashan and most of the literature gets damaged without being sold; and

(b) what remedial measures are proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) :** (a) and (b): The publications of the Official Languages Wing and the Vidhi Sahitya Prakashan of the Legislative Department are mainly in Hindi and they are in the nature of pioneering efforts to promote Hindi in the field of law. The sales of the publications will depend upon the demand therefor which in turn would depend upon the extent to which Hindi is being used in the field of law in the various States.

It is true that the sales are not picking up fast. The sale of even publications which can compare with the best in English or other languages is not satisfactory. But it would not be correct to say that unsold publications are getting damaged as proper arrangements exist for the storing of such publications. It is also not correct to say that proper arrangements are not being made to promote the sale of the publications. All possible arrangements are being made, and further the arrangements are constantly reviewed with a view to improvement. The arrangements include : Opening of Exhibition-cum-Sales Centres at appropriate locations; participation in Book Faires and Exhibitions; advertisement and publicity programmes; tours by officers to contact clients; mailing of folders through the D.A.V.P.; sale through reputed book sellers, selling agents, etc. Recently, new selling agents have been appointed and the sale commission payable to book sellers and agents has also been raised

and made more attractive. Measures are being taken to further intensify the publicity arrangements. However, it would seem that unless the people become more enthusiastic in encouraging publications in Hindi and other regional languages, it will be difficult to expect any substantial improvement in the position with regard to the sales.

[English]

**Opening of New Telephone Exchanges and Post and Telegraph Offices in Orissa**

4081. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the places in Orissa where automatic exchanges are proposed to be installed or new Exchanges proposed to be set up and linked by STD with Bhubaneswar and other cities inside and outside the State during the year 1985-86; and

(b) the details of new Post and Telegraphs Offices proposed to be opened in Orissa during the year 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The information is given at Statement I attached.

(b) 150 Telegraph Offices are proposed to be opened in Orissa during the year 1985-86. The details are given in Statement-II attached. The number of post offices proposed to be opened in 1985-86 are yet to be finalised.

**Statement-I**

The names of places in Orissa State where automatic exchanges are proposed to be installed during 1985-86 are :

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|--------------|---------|
| 1. Sambalpur | —MAX-I  |
| 2. Balasore  | —MAX-II |
| 3. Jepore    | —MAX-II |

Balasore is likely to be linked by point-to-point STD with Bhubaneswar during 1985-86. It is proposed to open 30 new MAX-III type of exchanges in 1985-86. The stations have not yet been identified.

Small capacity electronic exchanges are expected to be received in 1985-86 at the following places :

- |                           |   |           |
|---------------------------|---|-----------|
| 1. Keonjhar               | — | 400 lines |
| 2. Koraput                | — | —do—      |
| 3. Phulbani               | — | —do—      |
| 4. Sundergarh             | — | —do—      |
| 5. Baripala               | — | 600 lines |
| 6. Dhenkanal              | — | —do—      |
| 7. Sambalpur<br>Satellite | — | —do—      |

**Statement-II**

*Telegraph Offices proposed to be opened in Orissa during 1985-86.*

Name of District	No. of Cos.
1. Balasore	10
2. Bolangir	10
3. Dhenkanal	10
4. Kalahandi	10
5. Keonjhar	10
6. Koraput	10
7. Mayurbhanj	10
8. Phulbani	10
9. Puri	15
10. Sambalpur	10
11. Sundergarh	10
12. Cuttack	20
13. Ganjam	15