

(b) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir. A Technical Committee headed by Shri C. R. Jagannathan, retired Chairman and Managing Director of Oil India Limited, has already been appointed to investment the matter.

(e) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Extension of Departmental Building of Post Office in Pithoragarh, Uttar Pradesh

4103. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is shortage of accommodation in the head post office in Pithoragarh in Uttar Pradesh ;

(b) if so, whether it was proposed to extend further the Departmental building of this post office in the Sixth Five Year Plan ;

(c) if so, the reasons for not extending this building so far ;

(d) whether it is proposed to start the extension work during the current financial year ; and

(e) if so, the total estimated expenditure to be incurred on this work ?

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

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The departmental formalities were being completed.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) About Rs. 27.00 lakhs. only.

Criteria for Opening of D.E.T. and S.D.O. Offices

4104. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government agree to change the present criteria adopted for opening D.E.T. and S.D.O. Offices in hill areas keeping in view the need of expanding telephone services in these areas ;

(b) if so, whether new D.E.T. Office in Almora and S.D.O. Office in Ranikhet in Uttar Pradesh are likely to be opened in near future ;

(c) if so, when ; and

(d) if not, the difficulties on account of which these offices will not be opened there and the time by which Department Will be in a position to open these offices in the aforesaid places by removing these difficulties ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) At present no such proposal is under consideration. However, some weightage for the difficult terrain is being given while forming the Divisions and Sub-Divisions.

(b) to (d) : Presently the DET office at Almora and Sub-Divisional office at Ranikhet are not justified on standards. After the workload reaches the prescribed limit and subject to lifting of ban creation of new posts, these offices would be created.

Opening of New Engineering Divisional and Sub-Divisional Offices in U. P.

4105. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of present expansion of telephone services in U. P. circle, his Ministry is actively considering the question of opening of a few new Engineering Divisional and Sub-Divisional Offices there ;

(b) if so, the proposed location of these new Divisional and Sub-Divisional Offices of the time by which these are likely to be set up ; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

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

(b) Two Engineering Divisions, one each at Almora and Gonda, are expected to be formed when the workload reaches the prescribed limit and subject to lifting of ban on creation of posts.

(c) Does not arise.

Safety Arrangements by Chemical Factories in Delhi

4106. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some such chemicals factories as use chlorine, etc. are located in densely populated areas of Delhi ;

(b) if so, the names of such factories ; and

(c) whether their safety arrangements have been checked by Government so as to ensure that any leakage of gas, etc. from these factories does not pose hazards to public life ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) to (c) : As per available information, there are two major chemicals factories, namely, M/s.

Shriram Food and Fertilizers Limited and M/s. Hindustan Insecticides Limited (HIL) located in Delhi which use chlorine.

Delhi Administration have reported that inspections carried out in the factories of M/s. Shriram Chemical Works, a unit of M/s. Shriram Food and Fertilizers Limited, revealed that prevention and control measures for the safety of the workers and the population around the factory were inadequate. In view of the inadequacies of safety measures, Delhi Administration is considering the need for re-locating of Shriram Chemical Works.

As regard Hindustan Insecticides Limited (HIL), senior officials of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers alongwith the Chairman, Central Water Pollution Control Board had visited the factory. Following the visit, HIL was advised to undertake an end-to-end survey for determining safety of operating the plant. HIL have since taken certain remedial steps.

Setting up of Chemical Fertilizer Industries Based on Bombay High

4107. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of any demand for setting up a chemical fertilizer industry based on Bombay High gas in Vidarbha ;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the pipeline laid between Bombay High and Burhanpur, touches Vidarbha also ;

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard and the estimated expenditure involved therein ; and

(d) the names of the places where chemical fertilizer industries based on