

Imports of vitamin A, B2 and B12 are due to inadequate production due to reasons such as technological problems, industrial relations and raw material constraints. Total imports of Vitamins for the past three years had been as under :—

Year	c.i.f. value of Imports (Rs. in Crores)
1981-82	4.0
1982-83	4.5
1983-94	3.3

Telephone Connections in Sagar and Bhopal Cities in Madhya Pradesh

4141. SHRI DALCHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applicants for telephones connections in Sagar and Bhopal cities in Madhya Pradesh placed on the waiting list as on 31 December, 1984 ; and

(b) the steps taken to provide telephone connections to these applicants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The number of applicants waiting for telephone connections in Sagar and Bhopal cities in Madhya Pradesh as on 31.12.84 is as given below :

Sagar	—	377
Bhopal	—	4085

(b) Waiting list as given in (a) above has been cleared to the extent of 20 in Sagar and 1165 in Bhopal during

the period January, 1985 to March, 1985. Existing exchange will be expanded to the extent possible in the present building. Bigger telephone exchange have been allotted and sanctioned for both places for which building construction is expected to be commenced in a year. The present waiting list is expected to be cleared in three years time.

STD Link between Cities of Madhya Pradesh and Metropolitan Cities

4142. SHRI DALCHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the name of the important cities in Madhya Pradesh proposed to be provided with STD facilities with metropolitan cities in 1985-86 ; and

(b) the plan of Government for providing STD facilities between the metropolitan cities and important cities in different States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) In Madhya Pradesh the following cities are already provided with STD facilities to metropolitan cities :

1. Bhopal
2. Indore
3. Jabalpur
4. Khandwa
5. Gwalior
6. Durg
7. Bilaspur
8. Saugar
9. Burhanpur
10. Raipur
11. Ujjain
12. Mhow

No new city in M.P. is likely to be linked with metropolitan cities by STD during 1985-86.

(b) Provision of STD facilities between the metropolitan cities and important cities in different States is a part of the nation-wide subscriber trunk dialling through a network of Trunk Automatic Exchanges which is being progressively implemented in the five year plan programmes.

By the end of Sixth Plan 267 cities are connected to Trunk Automatic Exchange network for nation-wide subscriber trunk dialling. During the 7th plan period the number of cities in the country to be connected to nation-wide subscriber trunk dialling through Trunk Automatic Exchanges is proposed to be increased to about 1200.

Entry of Foreign Companies in Consumer Goods Industry

4143. SHRI D. P. JADEJA :
SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH :
SHRI MANORANJAN
BHAKTA :

Will the Ministry of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government wants more foreign companies to enter the consumer goods industry which hitherto was considered low priority ;

(b) whether it is for technology or for foreign capital ;

(c) the impact it will have on our indigenous production ; and

(d) whether this shift of policy is helpful to self-reliance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) to (d) : Government's policy regarding import

of technology is selective. Import of technology is permitted in sophisticated and high priority areas, in export-oriented or import substitution manufacturing, or for enabling indigenous industry to update existing technology in India to meet effectively changing consumer preferences and/or become competitive in the export market.

[Translation]

Amount Allocated to Bihar for Industrial Development in Rural Areas

4144. SHRI R. S. KHIRHAR ;
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any separate allocations have been made in the current central budget for the industrial development of the rural areas in the country ; and

(b) if so, the amount, out of it allocated for Bihar, which is a backward State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b) : An amount of Rs. 60.00 crores has been provided in the B.E. 1985-86 under the Central Incentive Schemes for industrial development of backward areas. No State-wise allocation of funds has been made for the purpose.

Construction of Houses in Kanpur City for Defence Employees

4145. SHRI NARESH CHANDRA CHATURVEDI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether keeping in view the great accommodation problem faced by thousands of employees working in several offices of the Department of Defence located in Kanpur City, Government have formulated any scheme to construct houses ;