

The employment potential for projects in various circles will be known after the schemes are finalised.

Production target of Bharat Pumps and Compressors Ltd., Allahabad

3299. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that Bharat Pumps and Compressors Ltd., Allahabad failed in completing its production target during 1984-85.

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ;

(c) whether it would complete the production target in the current year ; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to improve the production target ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO - CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (d) Severe power cut imposed by U.P. State Electricity Board and loss of production due to illegal tool down strike during January and February 1985 are the major reasons contributing to lower production during 1984-85. The Company has taken in hand several measures to improve productivity, and is confident of attaining the production target for the current year.

Scooters India Limited

3300. SHRI N. VENKATA RATNAM : SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL : SHRI JANAK RAJ GUPTA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Scooters India Limited is put for sale ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the steps taken by the company and the Union Government to avert the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO - CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c) The Scooters India Limited has been incurring

losses and the question of re-structuring it in order to make it a viable unit is under consideration of the Government.

Conference of Heads of Telecom Circles in Delhi

3301. SHRIMATI GITA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a conference of heads of telecom circles was held in Delhi recently ; and

(b) if so, the details of the subjects discussed there at and the outcome thereof ;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) A meeting of the General Managers of Department of Telecommunications was held in the beginning of November, 1985.

(b) The following main subjects were deliberated upon at the meeting :

- (i) Improvement of telephones and telegraph services with special thrusts on automation and time-bound programme.
- (ii) Productivity of the staff.
- (iii) Seventh Five Year Plan.
- (iv) Training.
- (v) Discipline.
- (vi) Personal and Financial Management.

The deliberations are expected to supplement the efforts being made for expansion and improvement of telecom services.

[Translation]

Shortage of funds for opening of new post offices in Bihar

3302. SHRI ABDUL HANNAN ANSARI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to shortage of funds, new post offices are not being opened in Bihar and as a result thereof people at a number of places are facing difficulties ;