

(b) if so, whether he is also aware that there is great discontentment in this border area due to this; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to issue instructions to the concerned authorities not to retrench the employees working in this project and to reinstate the retrenched employees ?

**THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) :** (a) to (c). No regular or workcharged employee of Dhauliganga Hydel Project has been retrenched. However, the services of some casual/daily rated employees engaged on the project for specific jobs of short duration were terminated on the completion of the job for which they were engaged. Whenever additional workmen are required at the project, preference would be given to the workmen whose services had been discontinued.

**Setting up of Ancillary Units by Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. in Hill Areas of Uttar Pradesh**

**6697. SHRI HARISH RAWAT :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up ancillary units by Hindustan Machine Tools Limited in high hill areas of Uttar Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan period as per the advice given by the Prime Minister at the time of inauguration of Hindustan Machine Tools factory in Ranibagh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the other alternative steps proposed to be taken by his Ministry to act on the advice of the Prime Minister ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :** (a) to (c). Two ancillary units, one for assembly of watches and the other for manufacture of Watch Case are already located at Bhowali in the hill areas of Uttar Pradesh. HMT has also given sub-contracts to two other units for secondary operation of certain components for the

Watch Factory at Ranibagh, and is purchasing manufactured goods from six small scale units to meet requirements of this Factory. Besides, HMT has identified the possibility of establishment of twelve small scale units for manufacture of items required by the Ranibagh Watch Factory.

**Setting up of Electronic Telephone Exchange at Ranikhet of Uttar Pradesh**

**6698. SHRI HARISH RAWAT :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up an electronic exchange at Ranikhet, Uttar Pradesh, during the year 1986-87;

(b) if so, the amount earmarked for this purpose during this financial year;

(c) whether the Defence Ministry has transferred the land to Telecommunication Department for construction of this exchange; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount earmarked for this financial year is about 34.74 lakhs.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) approval for transfer of land is awaited from Ministry of Defence, New Delhi.

**Linking of Districts by Teleprinter Service in Uttar Pradesh**

**6699. SHRI HARISH RAWAT :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the districts in Uttar Pradesh linked by teleprinter service with each other; and