

of preventing vigilance measures taken to detect and curb misuse of STD facility are as follows :

- (i) All meters are sealed.
- (ii) Meter rooms are kept locked under the charge of a J.E. and entry to meter room is restricted.
- (iii) Subscribers telephone meters are checked regularly and fortnightly individual meter readings are recorded. Any unusual variation in the calling pattern is reviewed.
- (iv) Surprise visits, inspections by vigilance staff of meter room and main distribution frame room are undertaken.
- (v) Entry to metering room and MDF room has been banned to unauthorised persons to avoid possibility of disconnecting the metering wires.

[Translation]

Complaints against officers of BHEL

8128. DR. A. K. PATEL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of complaints concerning theft, corruption and economic offences in different units of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. received during the last three years and during the current year, year-wise and unit-wise; and

(b) the number of officers and other staff found guilty and the action taken against them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Prices of two-wheelers

8129. DR. B.L. SHAILESH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the ex-factory prices of various makes of two-wheeler scooters manufactured by Bajaj, Lohia Machines, Andhra Pradesh Scooters and others; and

(b) the steps which Government propose to take to cut down the present heavy over-heads and incidentals included in the overall manufacturing cost particularly the administrative charges ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) A statement is given below.

(b) The Government sanctions higher capacities to existing manufacturers under re-endorsement schemes, by way of substantial expansion etc. to encourage better economies of scale.

Statement

Name of the company	Model	Ex-factory price (excluding excise duty)
1	2	3
Bajaj Auto Ltd.	Bajaj Super	6,490.00
	Bajaj Cub	6,410.00
	Bajaj Chetak	6,730.00

1	2	3
Lohia Machines Ltd.	Vespa XE	10,911.18
	Vespa 150	9,685.16
	Vespa 150 DZ	10,992.01
Andhra Pradesh Scooters Ltd.	Vespa PL 170	8,200.00
Maharashtra Scooters Ltd.	Priya	6,440.00
Scooters India Ltd.	Vijai Super	7,335.00
	Lambretta Cento	5,825.00
Automobile Products of India Ltd.	Lamby 150	6,650.00
	Lamby Polo 150	7,250.00

Closing of branch post offices in Himachal Pradesh

8130. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of Branch Post Offices which are under-going loss are proposed to be closed in Himachal Pradesh during the year 1986-87;

(b) if so, the details of these Branch Post Offices, Division-wise, including the amount of loss during the past year and the projected loss for the current year;

(c) whether the Himachal Pradesh Government has offered to pay the NRC (non-refundable contribution) and requested the Postal authorities not to close down any office;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to reconsider the decision and ensure that no Branch Post Office is closed in view of the utility for the rural areas and the offer of the State Government in this regard; and

(e) the likely date by which suitable instructions would be issued in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Closure of some branch post offices as indicated in reply to part (b) of the question during 1986-87 was contemplated.

(b) Division-wise information is as under :

Name of Divn.	No. of Branch Post Offices		Amount of loss
Chamba	2	Rs.	1,061.77
Dharmasala	20	"	56,193.77
Dehra	4	"	41,675.34
Hamirpur	10	"	48,995.76
Solan	28	"	1,70,453.57
Mandi	33	"	98,754.81
Shimla	48	"	1,02,973.74