

(a) whether Government of India, Government of West Bengal, banks and other financial institutions are ready to help the management of Raniganj Paper Mill, Raniganj, West Bengal so that it may resume production;

(b) if so, the obstacles in the way of reopening the paper mill; and

(c) the steps contemplated by Government to remove these obstacles ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c). The question of revival and rehabilitation of the Bengal Paper Mills located at Raniganj, District Burdwan, in the State of West Bengal has been engaging the attention of the Central and State Governments and the Financial Institutions. A rehabilitation scheme was in fact approved by the Institutions/Banks based on the merger of the mill with another healthy concern within the Group. However, the promoters have indicated that for various reasons the viability of the project has become doubtful and hence the rehabilitation scheme, as approved, could not be proceeded with. The Institutions are examining as to what further action can be taken in the matter.

**Declaration of Tirupattur, Vaniambadi and Ranipet as Industrially Backward Areas**

58. SHRI A. JAYAMOHAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to declare Tirupattur, Vaniambadi, Ranipet and other contiguous areas as industrially backward areas; and

(b) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Tirupattur, Vaniambadi,

Vellore and Wallajpet blocks have already been placed in Category 'B' and the remaining blocks of North Arcot district in Category 'C' of backward areas.

(b) Does not arise.

**New Telephone Connections in Delhi Telephone Exchanges**

59. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new telephone connections sanctioned/installed by Tis Hazari, Idgah, Connaught Place and Shakti Nagar Telephone Exchanges in Delhi during the year 1985-86 in various categories;

(b) upto which year and month these telephone exchanges have completed the pending list of new telephone connections under general category as on 1 October, 1986; and

(c) upto which period the new connections in general category are likely to be sanctioned by the end of March, 1987 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) The information is given in the statement below.

(b) The information is given below :

Exchange	Date upto which connections released
1. Tis Hazari	16.4.86
2. Idgah	31.12.83
3. Connaught Place (Kidwai Bhavan)	15.3.83
4. Shakti Nagar	12.3.80