

Delhi Consumers Coop. Wholesale Store Ltd., Super Bazar and Kendirya Bhandar etc. have been directed to issue the imported edible oils only against the ration cards; and

- (iv) Regular and random inspections/Checks are conducted both by the Circle Staff and Enforcement branch of Delhi Administration.

Import of Telephone Instruments

3494. SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether postal and telephone instruments are being imported or only some components are imported;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to stop import of these instruments and manufacture them in the country;

(d) whether the change over of the telephone system and handing it over to corporations have led to better performance; and

(e) the reasons for continued complaints of non-functioning of telephones from most of the metropolitan cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) *Postal*: Yes, Sir, the following items have been imported by the Department of Posts:

- I) 3 Bag dedusting equipments.
II) 10 Hašler Franking machines.

III) 136 Polymer Stamps.

Telecom: No telephone instruments or its components are being imported by the Department of Telecommunications.

(b) *Postal*: These machines are not available indigenously.

Telecom: Does not arise.

(c) *Postal*: Efforts are being made to have these machines made in the country in collaboration with the foreign manufacturers if considered necessary.

Telecom: Does not arise.

(d) *Postal*: Department of Posts is not concerned.

Telecom: Bombay and Delhi Telephone Districts have been converted into a Telephone Corporation called Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. in March, 1986. It is too early for any assessment of performance.

(e) *Postal*: Does not relate to Department of Posts.

Telecom: The Telephone services in Metropolitan cities are monitored by Department of Telecommunications. These are generally satisfactory. During the rainy season, there is increase in faults due to failure of underground cables.

Kahalgaon Project in Bihar

3495. SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH:
SHRI AMAL DATTA:
SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA
NARASIMHARAJA
WADIYAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state: