

(a) the names of places (State-wise) where the Indian Telephone Industries have units at present, and are under construction;

(b) the names of places where such units will be set up in the near future;

(c) whether there is any proposal to start one such unit of ITI in Orissa and the constraints; if any; and

(d) the action taken by Government to represent all the States in the ITI map instead of opening several units at particular places ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). There are five units of Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) located at Bangalore in Karnataka, Naini and Rae Bareli in Uttar Pradesh, Palghat in Kerala and Srinagar in J & K. Another unit of Indian Telephone Industries is coming up at Mankapur in Gonda District of U. P. which will manufacture Electronic Exchange Equipment. It has been decided, in principle, to set up the second ESS factory unit at Bangalore in Karnataka under ITI.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The location of the new units of the ITI is decided keeping in view the infrastructural facilities available at various places and the need for dispersal of industries in various part of the country.

[Translation]

Telephone Service in Sagar (M.P.)

1075. SHRI NANDIAL CHOUDHARY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that telephone service in Sagar (M.P.) is not satisfactory and many a time telephones do not work and the dial tone is missing;

(b) if so, the reasons for unsatisfactory and disordered telephone system; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken for improving the telephone system there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir. Telephone service in Sagar (M.P.) is working generally satisfactory.

(b) Question does not arise in view of reply at (a) above.

(c) The following measures are being taken to improve the service further :

(i) Subscriber loops are being replaced by drop wire.

(ii) To reduce overhead alignments underground cables are being laid.

(iii) Flooding of cable tranches before they are closed.

(iv) Use of jelly filled cables in distribution network.

(v) Indian crossbar type 2000 lines exchange is being planned to replace the existing exchange.

(vi) Spacial testing of internal equipment of the exchange.

(vii) Inspections and maintenance routines are being tightened.

[English]

Alternative Proposal for Financial aid to Mini Cement Plants

1076. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received financial aid from Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) for mini cement plants in the country;

(b) whether the Bank has recently suspended the aid;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of proposal Government have to finance these mini cement plants in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COM-

PANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) to (d). Mini cement plants receive financial assistance from public financial institutions like IDBI and not directly from Government. Pending a detailed review of the trends in the cement industry and functioning of the mini cement plants already financed by them, IDBI suspended grant of financial assistance to the mini cement plants in January, 1985. IDBI have, however, since resumed this facility. There is, however, no proposal for the Government to finance mini cement plants.

**Direct Dialling Telephone Service
from Loni (UP) to Delhi**

1077. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a proposal under consideration of Government to provide direct telephone service from Delhi to Loni, an industrial area near Shahdara;

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon;

(c) if not, the reasons for not providing direct telephone service to Loni from Delhi which is nearer than Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Gurgaon etc., which already have direct telephone system from Delhi; and

(d) whether Government propose to provide direct telephone service to Loni from Delhi where large number of small scale industries exist and almost the entire quantity of their production is sold in Delhi and in the absence of such a facility the industries are facing a lot of inconvenience ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Representation were received for direct dialling facilities from Loni to Delhi.

(b) and (c). On examination of the cases, provision of the above facility was found to be technically not feasible at present.

(d) No, Sir.

**Setting up of the Industry in Public
Sector in the State of Manipur**

1078. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH : Will

the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the non-existence of any important industry in the State of Manipur in the public as well as private sector;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to consider the establishment of a unit of the Hindustan Machine Tools or any other public undertaking there; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to appoint a panel to study the problems and prospects pertaining to the industrialisation of the said region ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Presently there is no such proposal under consideration.

(c) A Committee of Ministers (assisted by an official level Committee) has been set up for the North-Eastern Region to review and effect co-ordination of activities relevant to rapid development of the region (including Manipur).

The Government has also appointed an Inter-Ministerial Committee to review and revise the existing scheme for industrialisation of backward areas with special attention to hill areas, North East and other remote areas.

**Refund of Deposits by Lohia Machines
Limited, Kanpur**

1079. SHRI H. G. RAMULU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government have received complaints regarding non-payment/refund of deposits made by public while booking Vespa XE Scooters produced by Lohia Machines Limited of Kanpur; if so, full facts and action taken by Government; and

(b) the total number of applications received by Lohia Machines Limited from public for refund of the deposits made with booking applications for Vespa Scooters during the current year so far and how many are pending and the reasons for delay ?