

Payment by Cheque for Sale of National Savings Certificates

4267. SARI SARFARAZ AHMAD : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are instructions that the post offices selling National Savings Certificates and other securities should accept payments by cheque only beyond a certain amount;

(b) if so, how and under what circumstances the Post Offices have been issuing securities in individual names in amounts running into ten to fifty thousand from the G. P. O. Parliament Street and the Market Road Post offices, Krishna Nagar Head post office in particular and other post offices in general;

(c) whether Government propose to issue instructions to all post offices making it punishable for the dealing clerk, the supervision and the officer incharge to accept the amount in cash beyond the specified limit; and

(d) in case the instructions exist, the reasons why these have not been followed and the action contemplated against such erring staff ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Does not arise in view of the reply to (a) above.

Tungabhadra Pulp and Board Mills Ltd. Munirabad, Distt. Raichur (Karnataka)

4268. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the licensed capacity of Tungabhadra Pulp and Board Mills Ltd. set up at Munirabad in district Raichur, Karnataka;

(b) when the above company started commercial production; and

(c) the number of local people given employment in that Mills ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) 9,000 tonnes per annum of Pulp and 9,000 tonnes per annum of Straw Board.

(b) 1965.

(c) 205 out of a total of 227.

STD Facilities in District Headquarters of West Bengal

4269. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) how many District Headquarters of West Bengal are not connected with STD in the National Network at present;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry has taken any decision to connect all the District Headquarters of West Bengal with STD system during the Seventh Five Year Plan Period;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). Out of the 16 District Headquarters in West Bengal 5 District Headquarters mentioned below are not connected with STD in the national network at present.

1. Bankura
2. Barhampur (Murshidabad)
3. Balurghat (West Dinajpur)
4. Jalpaiguri
5. Purulia.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It has been planned to automatise the local exchanges at Bankura, Barhampur