

Manufacture of gas cylinders

4359. SHRI U. H. PATEL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) how many companies in private and public units are manufacturing gas cylinders at present in Gujarat and other parts of the country;

(b) the total number of gas cylinders manufactured in each unit from 1-1-84 to 18-11-85;

(c) the present requirement of gas cylinders in the country; and

(d) the plans, projects and estimates for the manufacture of gas cylinders during 1-12-85 to 31-12-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) In the organised sector, 37 companies including one in Gujarat are at present manufacturing LPG cylinders in the country.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(c) and (d). The estimated requirements of LPG cylinders during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87 are 37.70 lakhs Nos. and 34 lakhs Nos. respectively. The manufacturing units are at present geared to meet the country's requirements of LPG cylinders.

Expansion in the Research and Development Wing of Indian Telephone Industries

4360. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to expand the Research and Development Wing of the Indian Telephone Industries;

(b) if so, the details of expansion programme to be undertaken by Indian Telephone Industries;

(c) the amount proposed to be spent on the expansion of Indian Telephone Industries; and

(d) the likely time by which the expansion programme will be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal for expansion of the R and D Wing of Indian Telephone Industries.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Unsatisfactory Telephone Service in Bihar

4361. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the telephone services in patna, and in districts like Darbhanga, Madhubani, Samastipur, Saran, Champaran, Saharsa, Purnia, Mungher and South Bihar are totally unsatisfactory and most of the time the lines remain dead;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that no action is taken by the departmental heads at Patna on the complaints made by the public in this regard; and

(d) if so, the total number of complaints received by them regarding unsatisfactory service, wrong and excess billing since 1982 to date alongwith the details of action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir, telephone services in Patna and Bihar circle are generally satisfactory and in most of the cases the lines do not remain dead except those which are affected due to break down faults.

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

(c) No, Sir; prompt action is taken by General Manager Telecom. and District Manager Telephones Patna on all the complaints addressed to them.

(d) Total number of complaints received by them regarding telephone services since 1982 till date is of the order of 55,490 and suitable action has been taken to redress these complaints.

[English]

Sickness in Public Sector Industries

4362. DR. SUDHIR ROY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted any indepth study of the root cause of sickness in the public sector industries;

(b) if so, the details of the said study, if any;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to conduct any such indepth study before closing down such non-viable units or auctioning them off to private hands; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b). From time to time, the Bureau of Public Enterprises undertakes indepth studies on individual non-viable/sick public sector enterprises, even though no indepth study as such to go into the root cause of sickness in the public sector industries as a whole has been conducted by the Government. During the last three years, the Bureau of Public Enterprises has carried out indepth studies in respect of (i) National Seeds Corporation; (ii) State Farms Corporation of India; (iii) Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Ltd. (iv) Delhi Transport Corporation, and (v) Inter-firm Comparison of Fertilizer Plants.

(c) and (d). The performance of the public enterprises, particularly the chronically losing ones is subjected to constant review, to identify the causes for the losses and take suitable remedial action.

Manufacture of 'Shakti' moped by M/s. M. G. Khosla Motors Ltd.

4363. SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have issued licence to manufacture "Shakti" moped to a firm known as M. G. Khosla Motors Ltd., Industrial Area, Sahibabad (Ghaziabad);

(b) whether Government have received complaints about receiving of deposits and advances through network of agents by the company without supplying moped to distributors; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take or inquire about the bonafides of the company ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) No licence has been granted by the Central Government.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The complaints being against a small scale unit under the purview of the Uttar Pradesh Government, were passed on to the Director of Industries, Uttar Pradesh for appropriate action.

Proposal to Replace Faizabad Telephone Exchange by Max-1 Telephone Exchange

4364. SHRI NIRMAL KHATTRI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for not implementing the proposal to replace the present telephone exchange functioning in Faizabad (U.P.) by M.A. X-1 Telephone Exchange; and

(b) whether any proposal is under consideration to set up the telephone exchange soon at the place where present exchange is functioning by obtaining a piece of land from P and T Department in order to avoid the obstacles coming in the way of setting up this exchange at a new place and to obviate time consuming factors ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) There was no proposal to replace the present telephone exchange functioning in Faizabad, since land for MAX-I telephone exchange was not made available to the department till March, 1985.