

**New classification of small scale units**

**4375. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently decided a new classification of small-scale units; and

(b) if so, the details regarding this scheme, alongwith its procedure to be followed in view of the study made, if any, and suggestions from the different units ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :**

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Setting up of National Drug Authority**

**4376. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering setting up a National Drugs Authority to review and rationalise the existing drug formulations as reported in the Economic Times of November 9, 1986;

(b) if so, whether such an Authority would also look into the use of harmful drugs that are already banned abroad; and

(c) whether formation of such an Authority could help bring down rising costs of life saving drugs ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH) :** (a) to (c). The matter is under consideration.

**Cost structure of local/trunk calls**

**4377. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have chalked out cost structure of local calls, i.e. how much one local call made costs;

(b) the margin of profit fixed by Government on local call, percentage-wise or otherwise; and

(c) the particulars with respect to the cost-structure of trunk calls ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) :** (a) to (c). Cost analysis in the Department is made for working out the cost of a departmental exchange line, a departmental telex line, long distance carrier line etc. The switching and transmission equipment as well as manpower for operation and maintenance of the equipment is common for more than one of the items of ultimate service like local call, trunk call, telex call and STD call. The network is also common to Telegraph in some cases.

In view of these factors margin of profit is considered for the entire outlay in the Department and not with reference to the costs involved in individual items of service. Beside, most of the services in the rural and backward areas are run on subsidised basis. Hence the policy of the Department is to secure a return in the overall investment in the country as a whole and not separately under various headings like rental, local calls and trunk calls.

**S. T. D. facility in Osmanabad**

**4378. SHRI ARVIND TULSHI KAMBLE :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the people of Osmanabad will be benefited by the Microwave Tower already installed there; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to provide STD facility to the people of Osmanabad ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. It has been planned to provide STD facility to the subscribers of the