(SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) and (b). Government are aware that Pakistan has a clandestine Weapon-oriented nuclear programme. This programme has been and is sustained through acquisition of materials and technology from foreign sources.

Government constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security and take necessary measures to safeguard it.

Deposition of Film Print with Archives

4708. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to bring Legislation to implement a resolution passed by UNESCO, which makes it mandatory for film producers in the country to deposit one print each of any new film made by them with the National Film Archives of India; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Damodar Valley Corporation

4709. SHRI BIRSINGH MAHATO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to implement the recommendations of the Expert Committee on Dar odar Valley Corporation;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). The Raghavan Committee which was set up to advice on the Damodar Valley Corporation's corporate strategy and structure has submitted its report to the Corporation. The Government could consider its recommendations only after the Corporation, considered these recommendations and sent a proposal to the Government.

[Translation]

Postal Consultative Committee In Madhya Pradesh

4710. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Postal Consultative Committee has been set up in Madhya Pradesh; and
- (b) if so, the details of its composition and the criteria adopted for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Post Offices in Himachal Pradesh

4711. MAJOR D.D. KHANORIA: Will the 'Ainister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of requests received from different quarters during last one year for opening of new post offices in Himachal Pradesh; and
- (b) the number of post offices sanctioned and opened during the above period, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 225 requests were received for opening of new post offices during the last one year (1993-94).

(b) The number of post offices sanctioned and opened during 1993-94, district-wise is shown in the attached Statement.

STATEMENT

Number of Post Offices opened during 1993-94 in Himachal Pradesh

| S. | Name of | No. of Post | | |
|-----|--------------|----------------|---------|--|
| No. | District | Offices opened | | |
| | Extra | Depart- | Depart- | |
| | | mental | mental | |
| | | Branch | Sub | |
| | Post Offices | | Offices | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| 1. | Bilespur | 6 | - | |
| 2. | Chamba | 3 | . • | |
| 3. | Hamirpur | 5 | • | |
| 4. | Kangra | 18 | 1 | |
| 5. | Kullu | 9 | • | |
| 6. | Kinnaur | 2 | | |
| 7. | Lahaul Sp | iti - | | |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | . 4 |
|-----|---------|----|-----|
| 8. | Mandi | 21 | 1 |
| 9. | Shimla | 1 | 1 |
| 10. | Solan | 10 | - |
| 11. | Sirmour | 8 | • |
| 12. | Ura | 7 | - |
| | Total | 90 | 3 |

Joint Ventures with Chinese Company

4712. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) is going to set up a joint venture with the Chinese company, Jinan Iron & Steel General Works; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). M/s. Jinan Iron & Steel General Works of China who buy iron ore concentrates and pellets from Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) have indicated their interest to KIOCL to set up a Joint Venture to implement a proposed scheme of KIOCL to set up a pig iron and ductile spun pipe plant.

A view on the joint venture proposal of M/s. Jinan Iron & Steel General Works of China can only be taken by KIOCL after the feasibility report of the project is received and the techno-economic viability of the project is established.