

Darbhanga and Oini in Bihar are on the verge of sickness; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to revive these industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Sanction for the establishment of 3 food processing units in co-operative sector in the districts of Madhubani, Darbhanga and Oini was issued by NCDC in the year 1966-67 and the work was completed by the end of 1969. Because of disputes between the contractor and the societies concerned, the units could not take up commercial production. By the time the arbitration for resolving the dispute was completed in 1975, the society lost interest in it and the units lay defunct. Subsequently on the recommendations of the State Government the National Co-operative Development Corpn. sanctioned assistance of Rs. 4.80 lakhs for the Darbhanga unit in 1976, Rs. 4.20 lakhs for the Oini unit and Rs. 4.12 lakhs for the Madhubani unit in 1982. Since further action was not taken by the State Govt. and the Societies, sanctions were cancelled.

[English]

New Telephone Exchanges in Himachal Pradesh

651. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new telephone exchanges opened during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 so far in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) the details of the telephone exchanges alongwith capacity thereof proposed to be opened in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

S.T.D. in Haryana

652. SHRI NARAIN SINGH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any criteria has been fixed for providing S.T.D. facility in various telephone exchanges of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said facility has been provided in Haryana according to the criteria fixed;

(d) if so, the details of the telephone exchanges with STD facility at present; and

(e) the time by which the remaining exchanges are likely to be provided with the STD facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)

Provide National subscriber dialling facility to all exchanges by 1.4.1997.