

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

(b) The proposal has already been reviewed in the past but not approved by Doordarshan.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

CRAWLER LYING IDLE

2158. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether seven crawler type mobile cranes purchased for handling steel and other heavy items in 1983 remained idle for more than 8 years and many other heavy machines are not in use for various reasons ;

(b) if so, the details such equipments lying idle alongwith details of corrective steps taken and accountability fixed ; and

(c) the steps taken for the optional utilisation of these equipments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Seven crawler type mobile cranes were purchased in 1983 and these cranes could not be used because of dispute in regard to manning scale and also change in pattern of traffic handled at the Port. These cranes were sold in August, 1992 without involvement of any write off of loss. Eight coles mobile cranes were purchased between May, 1983 to January, 1984 and all of these are stil in use.

(c) Does not arise.

HOUSES FOR P&T EMPLOYEES IN H.P.

2159. MAJOR D. D. KHANORIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the target fixed for construction of houses for Post and Telegraph employees in Himachal Pradesh during last three years, district-wise;

(b) the number of houses, out of them, actually constructed; and

(c) the details of houses proposed to be constructed during Eighth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) :

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS

(a) No district-wise target was fixed for construction of Houses.

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Target is not fixed on yearly basis or District-wise. However, a target has been fixed to achieve 14% overall satisfaction level by end of 8th Five Year Plan 1992—97).

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS

(b) A total of 30 houses were constructed during the last 3 years.

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

A total of 54 houses were constructed during the last 3 years.

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS

(c) Houses are constructed on year to year basis as per availability of funds. There are 95 houses under construction. Construction of 101 more houses have been approved for 1993-94.

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

A minimum of 62 Quarters are required to be constructed to achieve an overall target of 14% satisfaction level fixed for the 8th Five Year Plan (1992-97).

VISIT OF OFFICIALS TO VISAKHAPATNAM

2160. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any officials from your Minister have visited Visakhapatnam in the last three months to interact with entrepreneurs of sick deep sea fishing units; and

(b) if so, the details and the achievements made thereon ?