

**Priority allotment to Bajaj scooters
to VIPs/MPs**

5424. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether in view of escalation of prices of petrol Government propose to restore the priority allotment quota for Bajaj two wheeler scooters, to VIPs/MPs, which was dispensed with a few years ago ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : No, Sir.

[Translation]

**Industries set up with foreign
collaboration**

5425. SHRI DALCHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of industries set up with foreign collaboration during the past three years alongwith their location ;

(b) the names and nature of the industries so set up ; and

(c) the number of cases still pending with Government and the time by which these are likely to be decided ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b). Government have approved 2015 proposals for foreign collaboration during the last three years (i.e. 1982-84). Details i.e. name of the Indian Company, Foreign collaborator, Item of Manufacture, nature of collaboration, of all approved foreign collaborations are published on a quarterly basis by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to its Monthly Newsletter. Copies of the publication are sent regularly to the Parliament Library. Follow-up of these approvals and monitoring their implementation is the responsibility of the

Administrative Ministries. No centralised information is maintained in the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals about the number of foreign collaborations which have fructified.

(c) The number of cases pending consideration with Government are not revealed in Public interest, as a matter of Policy.

[English]

**Telephone Service between Calcutta
and Panskura and Balichak of
Midnapore District**

5426. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that telephone exchanges of Panskura and Balichak of Midnapore District of West Bengal are extremely difficult to contact from Calcutta and seldom any connection can be made with Calcutta from those exchanges ; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes Sir. Only 50% of the booked trunk calls mature every day, with heavy delays due to interruptions in Panskura-Kolaghat and Kharagpur-Balichak overhead lines.

(b) To improve the trunk services there is a prop to instal one T-43 type Trunk Board at Balichak with one direct trunk circuit to Calcutta, eliminating the transit station at Kharagpur. There is also a proposal for a second trunk junction between Panskura and Kolaghat.

[Translation]

Subsidy for Kerosene

5427. SHRI RAMSWAROOP RAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :