

**Opening of Post Offices and Telegraph Offices in West Bengal**

5461. SHRI ATISH CHANDRA SINHA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of post offices proposed to be opened in West Bengal during 1985-86 ;

(b) the total number of telegraph offices proposed to be opened in West Bengal during 1985-86 ; and

(c) of the above post offices and telegraph offices, how many are to be opened in the backward, tribal, hill and far-flung areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The total number of post offices proposed to be opened in West Bengal during 1985-86 is yet to be finalised.

(b) The total number of telegraph offices proposed to be opened in West Bengal during 1985-86 is yet to be finalised.

(c) Does not arise.

*[Translation]*

**Setting up of Chemical Fertilizer Plant in Meerut Division**

5462. SHRI DHARAMVIR SINGH : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether keeping the production of foodgrains and the interests of farmers in view, Government propose to set up a chemical fertilizer plant in Meerut Division of Uttar Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) The question of setting up new fertilizer plants and their locations, etc, can be considered only after the Seventh Five Year Plan has been finalised.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

*[English]*

**Connecting District Headquarters of Nagaland With Kohima**

5463. SHRI CHINGWANG KON-YAK : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to connect more district headquarters of Nagaland with the State capital Kohima and other important places with trunk service ; and

(b) if so, the time by which the trunk line will be connected ?

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

(b) Out of the 6 District Headquarters (excluding the State Capital Kohima) only 3 viz. Mon, Zunaboto and Tuensong have no direct trunk circuits to the State Capital, namely Kohima. Direct trunk circuits from these places to Kohima will be provided during 1985-86.

**Development of the Cochin Naval Base**

5464. SHRI K. MOHANDAS : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any perspective plan for the development of the Cochin Naval Base ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?