

(b) Creation of new Postal Divisions inter-alia involves creation of new posts. In view of the extant ban orders imposed by the Government on creation of posts, it will not be feasible to create Kalahandi Postal Division at present.

Supply of paper to Kerala Education Department

2214. SHRI K. MOHANDAS : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of paper applied for by the Education Department of Kerala for printing of notebooks, text-books and other educational purposes, and the quantity allotted;

(b) the reasons for inadequate supply of paper; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to ensure full supply to the Kerala Education Department ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) Government of Kerala had intimated the Ministry of Education its requirement of concessional white printing paper for educational purposes for 1984-85 as 12,111 metric tonnes. The total allotment made to Kerala during 1984-85 was 9,484 tonnes, out of which supplies made so far amount to 4375.3 tonnes.

(b) and (c) Some of the mills have reported power cuts shortage of raw materials etc. as the reason for shortfall in supplies. As and when complaints of short-supply or non-supply are received from allottees the matter is taken up with the concerned paper mills for stepping up supplies of paper.

Growth rate of Industry

2215. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : Will the Minister OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have fixed the growth rate of industry in 1985-86 at 10 per cent;

(b) if so, the actual growth rate during the past few months in this year; and

(c) if the results are not satisfactory, the steps Government propose to take to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) The Approach Paper to the the Seventh Plan (1985-90) envisages an average annual growth rate of 7 per cent during the plan period.

(b) On the basis of Index of Industrial Production (provisional) from Central Statistical Organisation, the rate of growth of industrial Production during April-December, 1984 over April-December, 1983 was 6.2 per cent.

(c) The Government has been taking several steps to stimulate industrial production through appropriate changes in industrial, licensing and import policies as well as through monetary and fiscal measures and improvement in infrastructure.

LPG Connections

2216. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scheme of supplying additional LPG cylinders is being implemented throughout the country;

(b) if not, the names of the cities which are having this facility;

(c) the number of persons in each state which are having additional LPG cylinder as on 31 December, 1984;

(d) whether there are a large number of persons who are not having LPG connections and on the other hand people are having additional cylinders; and

(e) whether Government propose to review their decision to supply additional cylinders to the consumers till all the wait listed persons get the LPG connections in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) All over the country the oil Industry is releasing second cylinders to customers of Pin type cylinders.