

### Letters of Intent for Synthetic Units

6398. SHRIMATI INDUMATI BHATTACHARYYA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications for industrial licence/letters of intent for synthetic units received during the period between 1982-83 to 1984-85;

(b) the number of such industrial licences/letters of intent issued during the period mentioned above;

(c) the variations in the licensed capacity and actual production of jute goods and synthetics during the above period; and

(d) the year-wise break up of (a) and (c) above ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) to (d). The information will be laid on the Table of the House.

### Demands of Women Short Duty Telephone Operators

6399. SHRI H. G. RAMULU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union of women Short Duty Telephone Operators have given notice of dharna to the General Manager in case their demand for regularising them was not accepted;

(b) the action being taken for an amicable settlement; and

(c) the reasons why the short duty telephone operators are not regularised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No notice was received for Dharna. However, P&T Short Duty Staff Telephone Operator

Welfare Association (not recognised) gave notice on 15.4.85 for indefinite strike but majority remained absent only on 15.4.85.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Due to operation of ban on creation on new posts, the short duty telephone operators could not be regularised as Telephone Operators.

### Microwave Facility to Telephone Exchanges of Orissa

6400. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are proposals to have more microwave system telephone exchanges in the country in the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, their number, Statewise and circle-wise;

(c) whether the present microwave system from Calcutta to Madras and Calcutta to Bombay covers many portions of Orissa; and

(d) if so, whether the microwave facility will be extended to exchanges of Orissa coming under the range of Calcutta-Bombay and Calcutta-Madras microwave system and the names of such exchanges ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). The proposals to expand the Microwave network for long distance communication are under discussion with the Planning Commission.

(c) Microwave system from Calcutta to Madras passes through Cuttack and Calcutta-Bombay Microwave system passes through Sambalpur in Orissa.

(d) Microwave facility has already been extended to Sambalpur on Calcutta-Bombay Route and will be extended to Cuttack on Madras-Calcutta route.