

Districts in Utter Pradesh Circle where Branch Post Office and sub-Post Offices are located 10-15 Kilometers away and dak is delivered there very late;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has worked out any scheme to provide Post and telegraph facilities to these villages within a distance of 5 Kilometers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) In Almora and Pithoragarh districts, no village is situated at a distance of 10-15 Kms. from an existing Post Office. Daily delivery in all the villages is in force.

(b) and (c). The Telecommunications facility is likely to become available in most villages in radial distance of 5 Kms. Progressively by 1990. The number of such villages in Almora and Pithoragarh districts are 110 and 81 respectively. As far as opening of Post Offices is concerned there is no such scheme. There are separate norms for opening of Post Offices in the rural areas.

**Facilities by National Small Scale Industries Corporation to Unemployed Youth in U. P.**

6549. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the facilities being provided by the National Small Scale Industries Corporation to encourage the unemployed youths of hill areas in Uttar Pradesh to start industries; and

(b) the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b). The National Small Industries Corporation provides hire-purchase, marketing and other facilities for development of Small Scale industries in

the country. Under its hire-purchase scheme, the Corporation provides concessional terms of financial assistance to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes and other weaker-sections of the society. A sub-centre of PDTC, Okhla, has been set up at Kashipur, Dist. Nainital, for providing training to persons in the area.

[English]

**Public Call Offices on Multi Access Rural Radio System**

6550. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to start Public Call Offices on Multi Access Rural Radio System in Almora, Pithoragarh, Chamoli, Uttar Kashi, Tehri and Pauri districts of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the number of Public Call Offices based on the above system which will be opened during 1985-86 in these districts ?

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

(b) No Long Distance Public Telephone has been opened so far, or is likely to be opened under MARR scheme in any of these districts in the year 1985-86.

[Translation]

**Raw Material for Plastic Industry**

6551. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (I.P.C.L.) was able to meet the requirement of raw material being used in plastic industry during 1984-85;

(b) if not, whether this raw material was imported; and