

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

(c) if so, the quantity thereof and the names of the countries from which it was imported ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (c). IPCL manufactures some of the plastic resins viz. LDPE, Polypropylene and PVC only; LDPE and PVC are manufactured by some other units also; IPCL does not manufacture High Density Polyethylene and Polystyrene. As the present domestic production of plastic resins is not adequate to meet the total requirement of the downstream processing industry, the deficit is met through imports. Under the current import policy, the actual users are permitted to import plastic resins under OGL.

During 1984-85 IPCL imported following plastic resins for supply to actual users :

Product	Quantity	Source
Low Density Polyethylene	20,000 MT	Qatar, Spain
Polypropylene (Homo Polymer)	1,000 MT	Yugoslavia
Polypropylene (Copolymer)	135 MT	Australia
Poly Vinyl Chloride	3,350 MT	Yugoslavia

The rest of the requirements were met through imports by the actual users.

Supply of Raw Material to Plastic Units in Basti

6552. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that U.P.S.I.C. (Uttar Pradesh Small Scale Industries Corporation) Basti has not been able to supply the imported raw material to the Basti based plastic units as per their requirements;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to supply raw material to those units;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this raw material was supplied to other places in Uttar Pradesh at higher prices than the fixed prices while many units in Basti had been passing through difficult times due to the shortage of raw material;

(d) if so, whether Government have taken any action against U.P.S.I.C. and I.P.C.L.; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (c). U.P.S.I.C. who is IPCL's distributor at Basti has been supplying LDPE to Basti based plastic units, in accordance with IPCL's policy guidelines, namely, :

- (i) Restricting the supply of indigenous product mainly to its past customers, the basis of allocation being the best off take of the unit concerned in 1982-83 or 1983-84.

Under this arrangement material was supplied to six past customers. In addition, nine more units located at or nearby Basti who had no past off take from IPCL were also supplied with one tonne per month of LDPE each as a special case.

- (ii) Restricting the supply of imported LDPE for specific applications.

Under this arrangement material was supplied to one eligible unit at Basti who was the only applicant for such an allocation. The balance quantity of imported LDPE left with U.P.S.I.C. was supplied to the eligible customers in Eastern Uttar Pradesh.

U.P.S.I.C. sells polymer products, both indigenous and imported, at IPCL's list price which is uniform through out the country.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.