

[English]

Construction of Telephone Exchange Building at Surendranagar (Gujarat)

3174. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) when the Telephone Exchange building at Surendranagar (Gujarat) was completed;

(b) the percentage of total amount already invested in the equipment as compared to the total amount to be invested in the full equipment to be installed;

(c) the reasons for delay in completion; and

(d) the time by which the full equipment is likely to be installed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The building was completed in March 1982.

(b) The cost of equipment being installed initially is 61.52% of the cost of equipment that may be installed to the ultimate capacity.

(c) The delay was due to late supply of equipment from I. T. I.

(d) The 3000 lines are likely to be commissioned by the end of 1986. The installation of the full equipment is subject to availability of material and resources.

Multinational Company to manufacture Industrial Gaskets

3175. SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS :
SHRI VISHNU MODI :
SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a policy decision during 1973 and 1980 that there is no need for any large scale company to come up with foreign know-how for the manufacture of industrial gaskets;

(b) if so, whether Government permitted a multinational M. R. T. P. Company (M/s. Hindustan Ferodo Ltd., Bombay) to manufacture Industrial Gaskets worth Rs. 45 lakhs;

(c) if so, the state of several small scale industrial units already producing spiral wound, metal clad and core encapsulated gaskets;

(d) whether Government have received representation against the violation of the policy at (a); and

(e) if so, the details thereof and steps taken to help the small-scale industrial units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) Industrial Gaskets are not reserved for manufacture in the small scale sector. Applications for licence and foreign collaboration proposals received by the Government are considered on merits

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Government had given due consideration to the interests of the small scale sector while considering the application of M/s. Hindustan Ferodo Ltd.

Interest on deposits for gas Cylinders.

3176. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether some deposits are taken from the consumers when gas cylinders are supplied to them;

(b) if so, the amount of deposit which is taken from the consumers;

(c) the total amount of such deposits for last three years collected for the entire country;

(d) whether the deposit amounts are invested;