matic exchange is under construction at Biharsharif the district headquarters of Nalanda; and

(b) if so, whether the new exchange will be 'manual', 'automatic' or 'electronic?

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

(b) The new exchange will be automatic MAX II strowger type.

Decline in Production

3187. SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that though there has been acceleration in the growth of industrial production in the country during the past two years, some industries and States have shown a decline in production during the same period; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof with indus-

try wise and State-wise break up, tho constraints which have caused loss in production in these industries and States; and the steps/taken proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COM-PANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAM-MAD KHAN): (a) and (b). On the basis of Index of Industrial Production (provisional) from Central Statistical Organisation, the rate of growth of industrial production was 5.5 per cent during 1983-84 and 6.2 per cent during 1984-85 (April-December). A statement showing growth of industrial production in respect of 18 industrial groups and 3 divisions, viz., Manufacturing, Minning and Quarring and Electricity during 1983-84 and 1984-85 (April-December) is enclosed. Statewise indices of industrial production as compiled by a few States relate only to pre-Sixth-Plan Period.

Various factors do have an impact on industrial production which vary from industry to industry. 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.

Growth of Industrial Production during 1983-84 and 1984-85
(April-December)

(BASE: 1979—100)

Code Group	Industry Group	1983-84 1982-83	April-Dec., 1984-85 ————————————————————————————————————
20.	Food Manufacturing	5,2	- 4.0
21.	Beverages	- 4.2	- 2.7
22.	Tobacco	- 7.0	- 2.1
23.	Textile	+ 6.6	0.8
24.	Footweat	+ 17.1	+ 1.3

Source: CSO

Import and distribution of various oils

3188. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are importing cutting oil, transformer oil, turbine oil, heat oil and other industrial oils;
- (b) if so, the details of imports during the last three years; and
 - (c) the norms and conditions laid down

by Government for distribution of these oils?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir; to the extent these are not indigenously available.

- (b) These are given in the statement attached.
- (c) These are imported to meet the requirements of actual users and are sold only to them.