

[Translation]

Improvement in Dak Distribution System

3360. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the proposals which are being considered by Government to bring about improvement in dak distribution system; and

(b) how these proposals are to be implemented and by what time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) For monitoring the function of postal system, department has organised special drives which include monitoring the delivery of mails. In addition, special squads have been formed which have visited complaint prone areas. Lapses, shortcomings noticed during these drives have been studied and remedial steps taken to rectify the defects/deficiencies. Instructions have also been issued to post offices to monitor efficiency to ensure improvements in their working.

Investment profit in Maruti Car Udyog

3361. SHRI M.L. JHIKRAM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of investment made in the Maruti Car Udyog and the net profit earned by the company during 1984-85 and the model-wise number of cars produced ; and

(b) whether these cars are being exported ; if so, the names of those countries to which these are being exported ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY & COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) The total capital expenditure in Maruti Udyog Ltd. as on 31st March, 1985 was about Rs. 76 crores. The net profit earned by the company during the year 1984-85 was Rs. 90.34 lakhs. The model-wise number of cars produced during the year 1984-85 was as under :—

Maruti 800
Deluxe

14,924
5,429

(b) No Maruti cars have been exported so far.

Working of Mandla Telephone Exchange in Madhya Pradesh

3362. SHRI M.L. JHIKRAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether working of telephone exchange in Mandla district in Madhya Pradesh is extremely poor and if so, the action being taken by the Department to bring about improvement therein ;

(b) whether Government propose to expand it and to replace it by an electronic telephone exchange ;

(c) if so, the details in this regard ; and

(d) the arrangements being made by Government to ensure smooth functioning of this exchange and to meet the demand for new telephone connections ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir; the functioning of telephone exchange at Mandla is generally satisfactory. To improve further the functioning of this exchange Mandla-Jabalpur alternative trunk route has been sanctioned, to avoid complete cut off of Mandla from rest of the communication network when interruption occurs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A containerised electronic exchange of 400 lines will replace the existing telephone exchange as soon as supply is received.

(d) Provision of alternate trunk route and installation of electronic exchange will improve the telephone services at Mandla. There is no demand pending for telephone connection at present.

[English]

Setting up of L.P.G. bottling plants

3363 DR. V.VENKATESH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :