

this, the actual supply upto 30th September, 1985, is reported to be only 80 tonnes which is unlikely to have affected the industry in Bihar.

**Plans of Increasing Production of Bread and Biscuits**

2198. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the industrial output per month (in tonnes) of ready to eat food i. e., bread, biscuits and other bakery products in the country.

(b) the total number of industrial units manufacturing bread ?

(c) whether any control price is fixed for bread and biscuits ; and

(d) whether there are any plans to increase the production of bread from 1.25 million tonnes and for biscuit from more than one million tonnes by 1990 ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM):**

(a) The average monthly production of bread and biscuits during 1985 in the organised sector is estimated at 11,666 and 10,833 tonnes respectively. Such data for units in the small scale sector is not maintained.

(b) There are 20 units in the organised sector for manufacture of bread. In addition, it is estimated that 4,050 small scale units are register with various Directors of Industries in the State for manufacture of bread.

(c) While there is no control on prices of bread by the Central Government, the price of bread in Delhi and Calcutta are fixed by the Delhi Administration and the Government of West Bengal respectively,

(d) The further development of this industry is reserved exclusively for small scale sector and it is expected that the future demand for these items will be met by production from the small scale sector.

**Expansion of Vijayawada Telephone Exchange**

2199. (SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the expansion of Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh) Telephone Exchange twice, in spite of its original capacity remaining unutilised, has been adversely commented upon by the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament ;

(b) whether Government have initiated any action to find out as to why this under-milisation was allowed ; and

(c) the steps taken to utilise the exchange to its full capacity ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) :** (a) No, Sir. However, expansion of Trunk Automatic Exchange at Vijayawada was adversely commented upon by the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) More circuits have been added and the TAX utilisation has reached 72.9% as on 31-10-1985. Some more circuits are planned to be added increasing the utilization further.

**New Kerosene Dealers in Greater Bombay**

2200. SHRI ANOOPCHAND SHAH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new kerosene dealerships given in greater Bombay during 1984 and 1985 ; and

(b) the number of the dealers appointed through Oil Selection Board and the number of dealers recommended by Government ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) :** (a) and (b) The total number of SKO/LDO dealerships awarded in Greater Bombay during 1984 and 1985 is 22. All of them have been awarded

by the oil companies concerned on the basis of the recommendations of the Oil Selection Board. The prescribed procedure does not envisage any recommendation by Government.

#### Recession in Paper Industry

2201. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE :  
SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be please to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the demand recession being faced by the small and medium paper mills in the country ;

(b) whether despite the demand recession Government continue to import lakhs of tonnes of newsprint annually ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to stabilise the paper industry in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :  
(a) to (c) The production of paper and paper board in the country at present more or less matches consumption. Since, however the production of newsprint is not adequate to meet the demand for this item, imports have to be resorted to.

(d) The following fiscal and other concessions have been extended to enable the paper Industry to increase production and capacity utilisation :—

- (1) New units commissioned between 1.4.79 and 31.3.1987 are exempted from excise duty upto 50% for 5 years.
- (2) Paper containing not less than 75% by weight of bagasse is exempted from whole of excise duty.
- (3) Small paper mills utilising unconventional raw materials are eligible for excise concession to the extent of 50%.
- (4) Import of wood pulp, chips and waste paper placed under OGL and customs duty thereon waived.

(5) Import of wood log placed on OGL and concessional customs duty charged.

(6) Flexibility allowed to the industry to manufacture any variety of paper/paper board within the over all licensed capacity

(7) The requirement of Industrial licence has been dispensed with in the case of manufacture of writing, printing and wrapping paper from agricultural residue, waste and bagasse and manufacture of cotton seed linter pulp.

#### Connection of Sirampet and Narsapur with Hyderabad via Gummadidalla Telephone Exchange

2202. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Sirampet and Narsapur Towns located near Gummadidalla Telephone Exchange are being served through a much longer and circuitous in route by Sanga Reddy Telephone Exchange for communication with Hyderabad ; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to remove this avoidable circuitous route and connect Sirampet and Narsapur towns with Hyderabad via Gummadidalla Exchange ?

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

(b) It is proposed to convert Narsapur Small Automatic exchange into a Manual Exchange. After the conversion the small automatic exchange at Shivampet (and not Sirampet) will be connected to Narsapur and the trunk calls from Shivampet to Hyderabad will be routed via Narsapur Trunk Centre instead of Sanga Reddy Trunk Exchange. Though sufficient justification does not exist for the provision of direct junction from Shivampet and Narsapur to Hyderabad, yet the case for the provision of direct trunk circuit from Narsapur to Hyderabad will be considered. Gummadidalla is serviced by a small automatic exchange and does not have a trunk exchange.