

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by Government to remove this defect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) :

(a) and (b) No, Sir. The telephone exchanges in District Ballia are generally working satisfactory. However, every efforts are being made to improve further the functioning of telephone exchanges in district Ballia by monitoring at various levels and taking necessary actions in the matter.

[English]

Interest Holiday Loan Concession to Heavy Industry Units

2286. SHRI AMAL DATTA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether in respect of the different units of Heavy Industry, any interest holiday for loans owed to Government, has been allowed ;

(b) if so, the amount of interest foregone by Government in respect of each such units, year-wise from 1980 to 1985 ;

(c) whether Government have converted some loans owed by such units into equity ; and

(d) if so, the figures of such conversion and the interest which would have otherwise accrued to Government between 1980 to 1985 year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shortfall in Achieving Targets in Public Sector Enterprises

2287. SHRI AMAL DATTA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any year-wise targets were formulated for the public sector enterprises ;

(b) if so, the details of the targets and the achievements since the year of formulation till date ; and

(c) in cases where there have been shortfalls in achieving the targets, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.

ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The year-wise targets for the public sector enterprises are formulated by the public enterprises themselves in consultation with their respective administrative Ministries/Departments. These targets are generally indicated both in financial as well as in physical terms on yearly basis at the beginning of every year. The performance of the public enterprises is being reviewed thereafter periodically in terms of the assigned targets by the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments. Quarterly Performance Review Meetings are also being held under the Chairmanship of the Secretary of the concerned Ministry/Department to review the performance. Remedial steps that are considered necessary to improve the performance and reduce the losses are also taken on the basis of the outcome of such review meetings.

The Deptt. of Public Enterprises brings out "Public Enterprises Survey" every year wherein performance details of each public sector enterprise are analysed and furnished. This public Enterprises Survey is tabled in both the Houses of Parliament annually since 1960-61.

(c) There are various reasons which contribute to the shortfall in achieving the targets. The major reasons are : (a) power shortage (b) recessionary conditions in some industries (c) uneconomic prices especially in the case of commodities under administered prices such as coal, fertilizer etc., and (d) labour unrest.