

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) For developing Indian brand names, use of foreign brand names is discouraged. As a general policy, foreign brand names are not allowed for use on products for internal sales, although there is no objection to their use on products to be exported. A condition to this effect is incorporated in all approvals for foreign collaboration.

Production and import of Soda Ash

2180. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the annual production and import to soda ash in tonnes in the country ;

(b) whether soda ash is in short supply in comparison to demand in the country and is met by import ; and

(c) if so, the measures being taken to remove the shortage ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) The production of Soda Ash in the country during 1984-85 was 8.17 lakh tonnes. Figures of actual imports, beyond March, 1983, are not available.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government has permitted imports under Open General Licence (OGL) at reduced rate of duty.

Sanction of funds for telecommunication Cables Project at Jaunpur

2181. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Uttar Pradesh had taken up with his Ministry the question of sanctioning of funds for preliminary expenses to establish Telecommunication Cables Project of Hindustan Cables Limited in Jaunpur District of Uttar Pradesh ;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in the matter to release the necessary funds ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ?

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

(b) and (d) An investment decision regarding the project is yet to be taken.

Poor Trunk Call Services in Guntur and Prakasam Districts of Andhra Pradesh

2182. SHRI C. SAMBU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the trunk call services in Guntur and Prakasam Districts of Andhra Pradesh have been poorly maintained and telephone users often complain about their malfunctioning ; and

(b) the steps taken to improve the operational standards of the telephone trunk call services in Guntur and Prakasam Districts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The trunk services in both Guntur and Prakasam Districts are kept under constant observation and any defect if any noticed is attended to promptly. Additional trunk circuits are being provided wherever trunk traffic justifies the same.

Allotment of Flatted Factories

2183. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH : DR. G. S. RAJHANS : SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :