

areas, the Government has offered incentives, concessions, etc. The following amounts of Central Investment Subsidy were sanctioned to Uttar Pradesh during the years 1982-83 to 1985-86 (Upto October) :

1982-83	Rs. 1.38 crores
1983-84	Rs. 1.26 crores
1984-85	Rs. 3.20 crores
1985-86 (Upto Oct.)	Rs. 8.18 crores

During the years 1982 to 1985 (Upto September, 1985 in the case of letters of intent and industrial licences and upto June, 1985 in the case of DGTD Registrations), the following number of letters of intent, industrial licences and DGTD Registrations was issued to Uttar Pradesh :

Year	Letter of Intent	Industrial Licences	DGTD Regns.
1982	111 (62)	22 (5)	195 (57)
1983	128 (95)	98 (33)	325 (158)
1984	132 (97)	80 (35)	339 (186)
1985	151 (83)	61 (37)	37 (21)

Figures shown in brackets are for Backward areas of Uttar Pradesh.

Thus it will be seen that the response from the entrepreneurs to set up industries in Uttar Pradesh is quite satisfactory.

[Translation]

#### Opening of Branch Post Offices in Uttar Pradesh

229. SHRI JAGANNATH PRASAD : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new Branch Post Offices proposed to be opened in Uttar Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan and the number out of them to be set up on Lucknow, Unnao, Lakhimpur-Kheri, Barabanki and Sitapur districts separately; and

(b) the number of Branch Post Offices proposed to be upgraded ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) For the country as a whole, the proposal is to open 6000 rural post offices during the Seventh Plan period. Having regard to this overall target, under each Annual Plan, targets are fixed for each Postal Circle. Under Annual Plan 1985-86, it was proposed to open 212 rural post offices in Uttar Pradesh Circle as a whole. However in view of the ban on creation of posts, the programme of opening of rural post offices has not been taken up so far.

(b) In view of the ban referred to in reply to (a) above, there is no programme at present for upgradation of branch post offices.

[English]

#### Opening of Gas Agencies at District Headquarters

230. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken to accord priority to the provision of gas agencies at all the district headquarters of the country;

(b) if so, the number of the districts, State-wise where gas agencies have since been allotted;

(c) the names of districts where allotments are still to be made; and

(d) the likely date by which all the remaining districts headquarters will be provided with gas agencies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Subject to the economic viability of an LPG distributorship, the oil industry accords priority to District Headquarters in providing LPG facilities.

(b) Out of the 414 District Headquarters in the country, 351 have LPG marketing