

The rate of industrial growth during the current financial year would have been higher but for lower rate of growth in electricity and mining sectors and certain factors such as infrastructural constraints, under utilisation of capacities, inadequate technological upgradation, etc. .

Telephone Connection given on Forged Documents in Trans-Yamuna Areas in Delhi

253. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE :
DR. G. S. RAJHANS :
SHRI MUKUL WASNIK :
SHRI RAMLA PRASAD SINGH :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that a racket has been going on under forged signatures sanctioning telephones on medical grounds, etc. and sending demand notes, in the Delhi and particularly in trans-Yamuna areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of telephones sanctioned under such forged documents;

(c) the action taken against those responsible in the Department;

(d) whether those who got the telephones are also involved in this racket; and

(e) whether any action is being taken against such persons ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) On a check made by the Department of Telecommunications, it has come to light that some telephone connections were installed or extended on the basis of alleged irregular sanctions received in office of Delhi Telephones.

(b) to (e). The matter is under investigation and full details are not yet available.

Leakage from Chemical Plants

254. DR. G. S. RAJHANS :
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Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have recently issued instructions to the State Governments to take most stringent measures against chemical plants in their respective States and avoid leakages from the chemical plants;

(b) if so, details of the instructions issued in this regard;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed by the Union Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (e). The State Governments have been advised to spare no effort for ensuring safety in plants based on hazardous processes. This would include appropriate follow up action on the recommendations of the Task Forces/Expert Groups which they had been requested to set up to survey and identify the industrial units manufacturing or dealing with hazardous chemicals; constitute a multi-disciplinary inspection agency which would take care of all the safety aspects of hazards, including environmental considerations and to associate outside experts in such an agency; to identify the critical areas to be included in the checklist for assisting the regular inspection agencies to make inspection of such units more meaningful and effective; ensure that all hazardous chemicals either in bulk storage or in processes in closed plants are promptly disposed off by the management.

New Automatic Telephone Exchange at Rajkot

255. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the plan projects and estimates of New Rajkot Auto Telephone Exchange;

(b) the amount spent so far on the exchange;