

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to set up a separate Drug Authority of India to control manufacturing of drugs and to maintain the quality of drugs being manufactured in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Closing of Mandya National Paper Mills

316. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Cauvery water is polluted due to letting out of effluents into the river by Mandya National Paper Mills;

(b) if so, the action taken to stop letting out of effluents into Cauvery river by the mill;

(c) whether the Paper Mill was closed for some time due to Court direction for having let out effluents into the Cauvery river; and

(d) if so, for how many days the mill was closed and the loss incurred thereby ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI) : (a) and (b). The first phase of the Effluent Treatment Scheme which has been implemented and presently functioning in Mandya National Paper Mills provides for removal of suspended solids before discharge of effluent in the nearby Nullah which flows for 5-6 Kms. This results in adequate aeration and dilution of the effluent before it reaches the River Cauvery. The second phase of the scheme which would provide for aeration lagoon is under implementation and is likely to be completed by end of 1986.

(c) and (d). In view of the injunction issued by the Court restraining the mill from discharging the effluent, the mill was closed for 19 days from 19.8.85 to 6.9.85. Production was, however, resumed from 7th September, 1985, after the injunction was vacated by the Court. The loss on account

of the closure of the mill is estimated at Rs. 28 lakhs.

Mobile Post Offices in Bangalore City

317. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Mobile Post Offices functioning in the country at present;

(b) the number out of those in Karnataka and in Bangalore city separately; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to cover remote villages by mobile post offices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The number of Mobile Post Offices functioning in the country at present is 37,807.

(b) The number of mobile post offices in Karnataka circle is 3191 out of which 28 are in Bangalore city.

(c) Already 69852 villages, some of them in remote areas are being served by mobile post offices. Depending upon the need for this type of service in other areas, the service may be extended to more villages.

Programmes for development of industrial sector

318. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to chalk out specific programmes of development for each and every industrial sector in the country; and

(b) whether under these schemes, programmes, the existing units would be revived for the growth of industries and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The role assigned to the public and private sectors is set out in the Industrial Policy Resolution of 1956, which continues to provide the basic framework of the industrial policy. The subsequent