

(b) Does not apply.

(c) No, Sir.

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**Profits earned by cement corporation
of India**

1493. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of profit earned by the Cement Corporation of India during 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(b) whether the profits of this Corporation have decreased in spite of increase in the production during the previous years; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by his Ministry to improve performance of the Corporation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The net profit earned by Cement Corporation of India Limited during 1983-84 and 1984-85 is as under :

1983-84	—	Rs. 741.23 lakhs
1984-85	—	Rs. 77.29 lakhs (Provisional)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A number of steps are being taken to improve the profitability of the Corporation through optimum utilization of existing capacities, incorporation of precalcinators for conversion from wet process to dry process of manufacture, augmentation of captive generating capacity, replacement and renewal of machneries, rehabilitation of Charkhi Dadri Unit, increase in productivity per employee etc. The reduction in levy quota of cement introduced by the Government with effect from 4th June, 1985 is also expected to improve the profitability of the Corporation. The performance of the Corporation is constantly monitored by the Ministry of Industry.

Setting up of UHF Centres in Uttar Pradesh

1494. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of district headquarters in Uttar Pradesh where it is proposed to start construction work of UHF Centres in the current financial year;

(b) whether it is a fact that in some cities like Pithoragarh, construction of UHF Centres is not being started despite availability of land since long; and

(c) if so, the names of cities in Uttar Pradesh Circle where land has already been made available for UHF Centre and the time by which construction work is likely to be started there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) It is proposed to start civil construction for UHF Centres at the following District Headquarters during the current financial year :

Ajamgarh, Basti, Deoria, Lakhimpur, Narender Nagar and Pithoragarh.

(b) No, Sir. Land at Pithoragarh for UHF has been acquired only a month back and we hope to start construction during this current financial year.

(c) Does not apply.

Setting up of Electronic Telephone Exchange in Ranikhet and Pithoragarh in Uttar Pradesh

1495. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether land has been made available to set up electronic telephone exchanges in Ranikhet and Pithoragarh cities in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the proposal of the Department for acquiring land