Poll Fund

1448. SHRI MANIK REDDY:

SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY:

SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA:

SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to create a Poll Fund;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which such a fund is likely to be created?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R.BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise, at present.

Industrial Production

1449. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether industrial production in northern region has been affected during the last two years;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether essential inputs are made available in the required quantity for the industrial production; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M.ARUNACHALAM) (a) and (b). According to the Bureau of Economics & Statistics of the respective State Governments the growth rates in the States of Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, and U.P. during 1983-84 and 1984-85 were:

Growth Rates

States	1983-84	1984-85
Haryana —	+ 6.6	+ 6.4 (P)
Punjab	+ 1.7	+ 2.0 (P)
Rajasthan	+ 4.7 x	+ 17.9 x
U.P.	+ 3.1	+ 6.5

- P: Provisional
- X: Pertains to Calendar Years 1983 and 1984 respectively.
- (c) and (d). Essential inputs such as iron & steel, ferrous & non-ferrous metals etc.are made available in required quantity by the concerned agencies. Any inputs that are not available indigenously due to short supply are permitted to be imported under OGL or Supplementary Licensing Policy.

[Translation]

Microwave or UHF System in Ranikhet (U.P.)

1450. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the

Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the sub-divisional headquarters linked by microwave or UHF system in the country so far; and
- (b) whether benefits of these systems will also be extended to Ranikhet sub-divisional headquarters in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) A Statement indicating the alphabetical list of sub-divisional headquarters linked by Microwave or UHF system in the country is given below.

(b) Efforts will be made to extend such facilities to sub-divisional headquarters in the country including Ranikhet during next Plan.

STATEMENT

List of Sub divisional Headquarters linked by Microwave/UHF media.

- 1. Alipurduar
- 2. Berhampur
- 3. Baramati
- 4. Badagata
- 5. Bagalkot
- 6. Bantwal
- 7. Champakhowa
- 8. Chibalapur
- 9. Dharmaland
- 10. Diamond Harbour
- 11. Durgapur
- 12. Fazilka
- 13. Gadag
- 14. Jagraon
- 15. Kalka
- 16. Katni
- 17. Kalimpong
- 18. Moga
- 19. Nangal
- 20. Puttur
- 21. Pallai

- 22. Punaloor
- 23. Rourkela
- 24. Shertalai
- 25 Sirsi
- 26. Udipi.

Setting up of New DET Offices at Almora and Gonda in Uttar Pradesh

- 1451. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is a proposal to set up some new D.E.T. offices in Uttar Pradesh during the present plan period;
- (b) if so, the names of the places where these are proposed to be opened;
- (c) whether Almora and Gonda in Uttar Pradesh have also been included under this scheme: and
- (d) if so, time by which these offices are likely to be opened there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) At Almora and Gonda.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) the justification for these posts is being examined to see whether they can be sanctioned in relaxation of the ban on creation of posts.

[English]

Zonal Office of FCI For N.E. Zone at Guwahati

- 1452. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether a proposal from Government of Assam for setting up of a Zonal