

As on	Goodgrain stock stored (Tonnes)
31.7.1986	2,495
31.8.1986	10,447
30.9.1986	24,135
31.10.1986	28,355
30.11.1986	28,353
31.12.1986	28,631
31.1.1987	28,642
28.2.1987	28,642

Setting up of Telecommunication Factory in Dhule (Maharashtra)

4929. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an inauguration function was held in 1983 to set up a telecom factory in Dhule (Maharashtra) :

(b) whether the work on the exchange has not yet been started and if so, the reasons thereof ;

(c) whether Government propose to start the work on this project; and

(d) if so, the time by which the work is likely to start ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DFV) : (a) A function was held in the year 1984 to lay the foundation stone for a Telecom Factory at Dhule.

(b) After careful consideration, it has been decided not to set up any more departmental telecommunications factories.

The work on the installation of 3500 lines Cross Bar exchange at Dhule is a separate project. The exchange installation is in progress.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Financial Crisis in small paper units

4930. SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of small paper units in the country today ;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of small paper units have closed down recently resulting in the blocking of crores of rupees of financial institutions, and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to save small paper units from financial and economic collapse ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) There are at present 288 paper units on the rolls of Directorate General of Technical Development, out of which 241 units each having a capacity of 10,000 tonnes per annum and below, can be considered as small units.

(b) A few small paper mills in the country are laying closed at present on account of various problems faced by them, such as, management deficiencies, shortage of raw material and power, obsolescence of machinery, financial problems, etc.

(c) Various reliefs and concessions have been extended to enable the Paper Industry to increase production and improve its capacity utilisation and financial viability. Among them, the following reliefs and concessions would benefit the small paper mills to a large extent :

(i) Import of pulp and waste paper have been placed on OGL. Import of pulp is allowed free of customs levies.

(ii) Manufacture of writing. Printing and kraft paper containing not