

ised plans for manufacture of "Double Coal" in Punjab. They have also stated that franchise for bottling and distributing double Cola has been granted to M/s. Kartar Beverages Pvt. Ltd. Chandigarh;

(c) and (d). M/s. Double Cola Manufacturing Co. (I) Pvt. Ltd., have informed that four Double cola Bottling plants have been franchised at (i) Tarapur, Maharashtra (2) Bangalore, Karnataka (3) Angamaly, Kerala and (4) Madurai, Tamil Nadu and manufacturing activity commenced. The franchise holders are:

- (1) National Beverages Pvt. Ltd, Tarapur
- (2) City Drinks Pvt. Ltd, Bangalore
- (3) Bhagvati Beverages Pvt. Ltd, Angamaly
- (4) Falcons Beverages Pvt. Ltd., Madurai.

The Company have also stated that an existing plant at Jaipur, M/s. Jai Drinks Pvt. Ltd, has been converted to manufacture Double Cola with effect from 22.3.88.

(e) M/s. Double Cola Manufacturing Co. (I) Pvt. Ltd., have stated that their promoters have volunteered not to repatriate any capital, dividends or profits on the capital invested by the Non-Resident Indians.

[*Translation*]

#### **Ban on Recruitment and Training of Junior Engineers In Madhya Pradesh**

5697. SHRI ASLAM SHER KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a ban on the recruitment and training of Junior Engineers in

Madhya Pradesh Telephone Department for the past many years and there is a great discontentment among the employees as a result thereof;

(b) whether the candidate who passed the examination in 1984; have not been sent for training so far;

(c) whether the training of Junior Engineers of this Department in other States has been started; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Yes Sir, the recruitment of Junior Engineers have been suspended since Feb., 1987 till all the surplus selected and trained candidates are appointed in all telecom Circles.

(b) Yes, Sir, the departmental candidates who passed the examination in 1984 have not yet been sent for training.

(c) Yes, Sir. Selected candidates are being given training

(d) In these circles where it is possible to appoint them.

[*English*]

#### **Disparity in the Working Hours in P & T Departments**

5698. SHRI JITENDRA PRASADA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists glaring disparity in the working hours in the P & T Departments where employees posted in the post offices with six days week have to work for 8 hours and their colleagues in the offices of