

**Capacity Utilisation by Cycle Corporation of India Ltd.**

7596. SHRI R.M. BHOYE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the production of Cycle Corporation of India Limited vis-a-vis the installed capacity during the last three years, year-wise.

(b) the reasons for under utilisation of its capacity;

(c) whether there are any plans to utilise the capacity in full in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The installed capacity of the Cycle Corporation of India Ltd. is 3.16 lakhs nos. of bicycles per annum. The actual production during the last three years was as follows: -

Year	No. of Bicycles
1986-87	1,45,188
1987-88	74,931
1988-89 (Provisional)	85,867

(b) The reasons for under utilisation of capacity are old and out-dated machinery, frequent power failure, shortage of working capital etc.

(c) and (d). Government has been extending financial assistance to the company on yearly basis in the form of plan and non plan loans for replacement of machinery and working capital needs and provision of Government guarantee for bank credit etc. These measures have enabled the company to carry on with its current operations but the liabilities inherited by them have

impeded the full utilisation of capacity.

**Delivery of Registered Letters**

7597. SHRI SODE RAMAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether post offices are casual about delivery of registered letters also;

(b) the reasons for not ensuring delivery of A.D. cards; and

(c) the steps being taken to give proper training to post masters to ensure better service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) By and large, the acknowledgement due cards are being delivered in time.

(c) Postmaster are being called for in service refresher courses design to bring their knowledge up to date in operational matters. Group 'B' Postmasters are subjected to induction training before they take up their now charge.

**LPG Bottling Plants**

7598. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG bottling plants in the country at present, their location and capacity, State-wise;

(b) the number of LPG bottling plants under construction with their location and capacity;

(c) whether the shortage in supply of