

**Rural Public Call Offices in
Shahjahanpur District (U.P.)**

5699. SHRI JITENDRA PRASADA:
SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the rural Public Call Offices in Shahjahanpur district have been out of order for most of the time during the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and action

taken in the matter; and

(c) if not, the number of calls made by each rural Public Call Office in the last three months?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There are 61 Rural Public Call Offices in Shahjahanpur district. No. of calls booked from each Public call office during the last 3 months is as under:

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Name of Station</i>	<i>No. of trunk calls booked</i>
1	2	3
1.	Jaitipur	38
2.	Khera Bhajhera	15

From other 59 long distance public tele-phones no calls were booked, though these have been in working order.

[Translation]

Small scale sick units in Punjab

5700. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RA-
MOOWALIA:
SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of sick units in small scale sector has been constantly increasing in Punjab during the last several years;

(b) if so, the number of such sick units during 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89, separately;

(c) whether Punjab Government had constituted a high power committee in April, 1988 to submit a report in this regard;

(d) if so, whether the report of the committee has since been received;

(e) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(f) the recommendations of the committee that have been implemented by Government so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). Data on sick industrial units in the country assisted by banks are collected by the Reserve Bank of India. As per the latest information, the total number of sick small scale industrial units in Punjab on the dates

mentioned below are as follows:

<i>As at the end of</i>	<i>Total number of sick SSI units</i>
December' 85	1345
December'86	1830
June' 87	1834

(c) The Government of Punjab has not constituted any high powered committee on its own regarding sickness in the small scale sector.

(d) to (f). Does not arise.

[English]

Telephone Exchanges with S.T.D. facility in Mahboob Nagar district of Andhra Pradesh

5701. SHRI V. TULSIRAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of telephone exchanges in Mahboob Nagar district of Andhra Pradesh provided with STD facility;

(b) the details of telephone exchanges which have not been provided with STD facility so far and reasons therefor; and

(c) when all the telephone exchanges in Mahboob Nagar district will be provided with STD facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Mahboob Nagar Telephone Exchange in Mahboob Nagar District of Andhra Pradesh has been provided with STD facility.

(b) and (c). A large number of telephone exchanges in Mahboob Nagar District have not been provided with STD facility due to limitation of material and financial resources. However Gadwal, Jadcherla and Shadnagar telephone exchanges in Mahboob Nagar district are planned for provision of STD facility during 1989-90.

Assistance given to Small Newspapers in A.P.

5702. SHRI V. TULSIRAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial and other assistance provided by Union Government to small newspapers in Andhra Pradesh during the last six months;

(b) the details of assistance utilised by these newspapers in the field of agriculture and for development of rural poor; and

(c) whether Government propose to give more help to these newspapers; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c). The Government do not maintain a record of information of the type sought for in the Question. However, a statement showing the facilities being provided to small and medium newspapers by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is given below. It may be added that no information is collected and kept on the different types of assistance available to newspapers in various States and the utilisation of assistance by newspapers. Apart from the concessions and facilities enumerated in the annexed statement, this Ministry does not give any assistance to any category of newspapers.