

**Under utilisation of installed capacity of Indian Telephone Industries**

6939. DR. PRABHATKUMAR MISHRA:  
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of switching lines is not commensurate with the estimated demand of telephone lines and the installed capacity of Indian Telephone Industries is under utilised;

(b) whether the export potential of telephone industry is not favourable since the world market is flooded by the cheap technology of the South East Asian countries; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken to save the I.T.I.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir. The installed capacity of the strowger and Cross-bar switching lines is under utilised.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Department has plans to fully utilise the equipment produced in the country.

[*Translation*]

**Financial assistance to Paper Mill Project at Goindwal Saheb (Punjab)**

6940. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:  
SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the economic viability of the paper mill project to be set up at Goindwal

Saheb (Punjab) has been approved;

(b) if so, the names of the financial agencies which have agreed to provide funds for this project and the extent thereof;

(c) the reason for delay in undertaking the construction work; and

(d) the target fixed for the commencement of production in this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The detailed project report indicates that the proposed newsprint/paper project to be set up by M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation at Goindwal, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab, is techno-economically viable.

(b) Application for financial assistance has been submitted. The project is yet to be appraised by the Financial Institutions.

(c) Since the requisite term-loan for implementation of the project has not yet been sanctioned by the Institutions, the construction work at site has not been started.

(d) October, 1992.

**Export of Plastic Goods**

6941. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:  
SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for export of plastic goods during 1989-90; and

(b) whether this target is likely to be achieved?