

(d) Implementation of the expansion project would enhance production capacity of the company enabling it to meet pending demand in shorter time.

Expansion of Cochin Naval Base

4201. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the schemes proposed for the expansion of the Cochin Naval Base ;

(b) how much amount is allotted for the schemes ; and

(c) what are the schemes proposed for the construction of residential complex for the navy personnel ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) In the perspective plan drawn up by Naval H Qrs. for the development of the Naval Base at Cochin, some of the important elements being catered for are :—

(i) The augmentation of the Base Repair Organisation at Cochin.

(ii) Its development as a major training base for the Navy.

A 1200 ft. jetty is also under construction.

(b) An expenditure of approximately Rs. 13 Crores is provided for these schemes during 1985-86.

(c) Accommodation for 163 officers and 902 sailors is under construction. Proposals for additional accommodation for 15 officers and 240 Sailors are being considered by Naval H.Qrs.

No Industry Districts in Maharashtra

4202. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL :

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the whole of Maharashtra is not covered by the definition of 'No Industry District' as there is one industry, small or medium, in every District and although a very vast area of this state is industrially backward ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra have requested the Union Government to change the definition of 'No Industry District' to "No Industry Area" ; and

(c) whether this suggestion has been considered and if so, the decision of the Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) Gadchiroli District in Maharashtra has been identified as No Industry Districts with effect from 1.4.1985.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) An Inter-Ministerial Group has been constituted to consider the suggestions received from the various State Governments.

Deterioration in Telephone System

4203. SHRI A. J. V. B. MAHESWARA RAO) : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether telephone system in the country is deteriorating day by day ;

(b) whether to begin with, Government are considering ways and means to streamline the system at least in the Metropolitan cities of Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras ;

(c) whether Government have worked out the finances required for this streamlining ; and

(d) if so, whether in view of constraint of resources, Government are considering to collect funds through Bonds etc. ; to carry out the much needed revamping of the system ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a)

The working of telephone system in the country is generally satisfactory and is not deteriorating day by day. However, there is always scope for further improvement.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir.

Production of Penicillin

4204. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the units manufacturing Penicillin in the country;

(b) the production month-wise of these units during the last one year;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of their production has been channelled off to one single unit; and

(d) if so, the action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) Details of units producing Penicillin and their month-wise production of bulk Penicillins during the last one year are given in the statement below.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.