

Routing of steel supplies to small scale units through the SSI corporations is itself a step to prevent misuse of steel.

To meet the requirements of the industry and to build a buffer stock, SAIL is also importing those categories which are in short supply.

Shortage of Equipment in AIIMS.

4447. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the AIIMS is working with shortage of equipment and syringes and, if so, what are the full facts;

(b) to what extent this lack of facilities has contributed to the reported increasing incidence of serum hepatitis and typhoid; and

(c) the details of steps taken to remove the shortcomings in this prestigious Institution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (c). The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as possible.

**P & T buildings in district Thana
(Maharashtra)**

4448. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of buildings of Post & Telegraph Offices (whether on rental basis or otherwise) in the District of Thana (Maharashtra);

(b) how much annual rent Government have to pay for the same;

(c) how many buildings of the said offices are in a dilapidated condition and require major repairs and the buildings require minor repairs and buildings require essential amenities like W.Cs.; and

(d) whether Government have undertaken any programme to carry out the said repairs and provide necessary amenities like W.Cs. to employees, if not, when Government propose to do it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.

**Applications for Telephone connections
pending in Thana District**

4449. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications for telephone connections from Thana District (Maharashtra) exchange-wise, pending as on 31st July, 1978;

(b) how many applicants have been given priority during a period of last one year, exchange-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) how much time authorities will require to meet the demand for above number of telephones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be placed on the table of Lok Sabha in due course.

**Refund of deposits on withdrawal of
temporary connections**

4450. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether deposits are called for giving temporary telephone connections;

(b) what is the total amount of deposits not refunded as on 31st July, 1978 in the area of Bombay Telephones even though the temporary connections are withdrawn;

(c) what is the total number of cases pending with Bombay Telephones as on 31st July, 1978; and