

mining, metallurgy, machine building, oil exploration, production, refining and cement, light, paper and pulp and pharmaceutical industries, irrigation, civil engineering, consultancy etc. Further it is expected that discussions in regard to India and Soviet Union cooperating in countries in South and South East Asian region for specific projects would take place in due course.

Construction of Railway Lines in Mineral Areas of M.P.

4493. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the exploitation of mineral in Madhya Pradesh is being hampered in the absence of railway lines;

(b) if so, whether he will consider to take up the matter with his colleague, Railway Minister, for construction of new lines, specially Jhansi to Bahari via Chhatarpur, Panna and Rewa; and

(c) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) Many important mineral bearing areas of Madhya Pradesh are already connected by railway.

(b) and (c). Construction of railways depends on their economic viability. The Ministry of Railways has recently carried out surveys for a number of railway lines in the State keeping in view the mineral and forest resources of the area. Although there is at present no proposal under its consideration for a railway line linking Jhansi with Bahari via Chhatarpur, Panna and Rewa, the Railway Ministry has decided to undertake a survey for a broad gauge rail link from Lalitpur to Singrauli via Khajurao, Satna and Rewa. This survey will take about two years for completion.

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Rural Connections in Remote Areas

4494. SHRI VASANT SATHE: SHRI VIJAY KUMAR N. PATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) as per the new policy of the P&T Department pertaining to rural connections in remote areas, villages and unconnected police stations, how many (i) new postal box services (ii) new post-offices (iii) new public call offices (iv) telephone connections were given in Vidarbha and Khandesh region of Maharashtra;

(b) of the above, how many in each category were provided in each District of Vidarbha and Khandesh region;

(c) how many new staff quarters were built in the above region; and

(d) what are the targets for each category for the year 1978 and 1979?

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

ई० एल० सी० (स्वीडिश मिशन) द्वारा चलाए जा रहे अस्पताल के विरुद्ध जांच

4495. श्री सुभाष झाहजा : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश के बेतूल जिले में ई. एल. सी. (स्वीडिश मिशन) द्वारा चलाये जा रहे अस्पताल के विरुद्ध 1975 में जांच के आदेश दिये थे;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो जांच अधिकारियों द्वारा दिये गये प्रतिवेदन की बातें क्या हैं;

(ग) उक्त ट्रस्ट के विरुद्ध जांच किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) क्या उक्त जांच में अपराध प्रमाणित करने वाले कुछ दस्तावेज बरामद किये गये हैं?..

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव) : (क) मध्य प्रदेश के बेतूल जिले में ई० एल० सी० (स्वीडिश मिशन)