

to operate were sold in 1980 by FCI to M/s. Ganapatrai Rashiwashia Steel Co. Ltd, Howrah.

The action of the Fertilizer Corporation of India was challenged in the Supreme Court of India by the Fertilizer Corporation Kamgar Union and others. The Supreme Court upheld the sale and dismissed the petition.

(b) and (c) When considerable deterioration was noticed in the old plants in 1975-76, a team of engineers of the Sindri Unit and the erstwhile Planning and Development Division of the Fertilizer Corporation of India, in association with engineers of the Central Mechanical Engineering Research Unit, Durgapur, undertook survey, examination and inspection of the old plants with a view to determining their condition and status for the purposes of safe operation. A Committee of Directors also examined the question. After considering the report, the Board decided that the unsafe plants might be shut down.

#### Non-Utilization of Farms at Sindri

1489. SHRI A.K. ROY : Will the MINISTER of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the farms created by the FCI at Sindri under the then Planning and Development Divisions are lying unused today; if so, facts in details giving the area of such farms and the reasons for non-utilisation;

(b) whether the FCI and the FPDIL propose to lease these farms to the village cooperative or the cooperatives working within the Sindri unit for raising crops and also experiment the use of fertilizer; and

(c) if so, steps taken on that ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Question does not arise.

#### Post Office for East Dombivali

1490. SHRI S. MURUGAIN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be

pleased to refer to the replies given to Unstarred Question Nos. 903 on 24th November, 1980 and 1926 on 2nd March, 1981 regarding post office for East Dombivali and state :

(a) whether the Dombivali Municipal Council has responded to the request made by the Department for opening a post office in Ramnagar area of Dombivali (Dist. Thane), Maharashtra;

(b) what other efforts were made by the Department to acquire suitable accommodation for this purpose; and the result thereof; and

(c) when this post office is likely to be opened ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON) : (a) No response has been received from Dombivali Municipal Council so far.

(b) and (c) The question of securing accommodation for opening of Post Office is under active consideration. One Shri Borile of Dombivali has offered accommodation. The Departmental Fair Rent Committee is meeting soon for determining the rent. Opening of Post Office will be considered when accommodation becomes available.

#### मध्य प्रदेश में इलेक्ट्रॉनिक स्विचगोयर् इन्विवपमेंट कारखाना स्थापित करने की योजना

1491. श्री केदार भूषण : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में एक इलेक्ट्रॉनिक स्विचगोयर् इन्विवपमेंट कारखाना स्थापित करने की कोई योजना केन्द्रीय सरकार के विचाराधीन है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उसके लिये किसी स्थल का सर्वेक्षण किया गया है,

(ग) यदि हां तो उस सम्बन्ध में व्यौरा क्या है, और

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि उसके लिए उत्तीस-गढ़ क्षेत्र उपयुक्त संभावित क्षेत्र है ।

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कातिक ठर्रांब) : (क) सरकार ने टेलीफोन एक्सचेंजों के लिए इलेक्ट्रॉनिक स्विचिंग उपकरण बनाने वाले पहले कारखाने को स्थापित करने के लिए प्रति