

rules and in the Head Quarter the staff working late are also allowed reimbursement of conveyance charges.

(c) The expenditure on this account was approximately Rs. 3000 per month in 1980-81.

Entertainment Expenditure in N.P.C.C.

3898. SHRI N. E. HORO : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Projects Construction Corporation is incurring expenditure on entertainment to the staff as well as official visitors for the promotion of business;

(b) if so, the details of total and daily expenditure incurred in 1978-79 and 1981-82 on account of entertainment to staff and official visitors for promotion of business;

(c) whether there has been any misuse of this amount on dinners and lunches etc., and

(d) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. N.P.C.C. is incurring expenditure on entertainment for the promotion of its business.

(b) The expenditure during 1978-79, 79-80 and 80-81 was 2.49, 3.10 and 5.45 lakhs respectively which represented respectively 0.12, 0.13 and 0.15% on the value of work done. The accounts for the year 1981-82 have not yet been audited.

(c) No case of misuse has come to notice.

(d) Does not arise.

Opening of More POs/S.P.Os. T.Os. and P.C.Os. in Orissa

3899. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to open more post offices/sub-post offices, telegraph offices and public call offices in Orissa during the Sixth Five Year Plan ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the progress made in this regard so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) (1) *Post Offices*

During the first two years of the plan, two hundred and six post offices were opened in Orissa Postal Circle in the rural areas. It is proposed to open forty post offices in the rural areas during the current Annual Plan for the years 1982-83 in the Circle. The number of post offices to be opened during the remaining years of the Plan have not been determined at this stage. This will however, be done at the time of commencement of each remaining Annual Plan.

The opening of sub post offices do not form part of plan schemes.

(2) *Telegraph Offices/Public Call Offices.*

During the last two years of the Plan period, one hundred and two long distance Public Telephones and one hundred Telegraph Offices have been opened. It is proposed to open about two hundred long distance Public Telephones/Telegraph Offices during the plan period.