

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to make it available to the public at controlled rate?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) and (b) On account of short arrivals of cement for some period during the last month there has been temporary scarcity of cement in the Capital. The following steps have been taken by the Delhi Administration to meet the situation :—

- (i) Arrangements have been made to move about 90,000 tonnes of cement at the rate of 2½ block rakes per day during August 1972 alone.
- (ii) Under D.I.R., Cement price has been fixed w.e.f. 28-4-1972 in Delhi.
- (iii) Delhi Cement (Licensing & Control) Order 1972 has been introduced.
- (iv) Export of cement from the Union Territory of Delhi has been banned.
- (v) Endorsement of R/Rs is now compulsory before getting the cement supplies released from the sidings.
- (iv) Raids were made and cases of non-display of stock and over-charging etc., were registered with the police.

Inquiry into Death of the Accused in State Bank of India Fraud case

1547. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK :
SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the inquiry into the death of the accused in the State Bank of India, New Delhi fraud case who died on 2nd March, 1972 has since been completed ;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof ; and

(c) whether a copy of the inquiry report will be laid on the Table of the House, and if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN) : (a) Yes.

(b) As per findings of the Sub-divisional Magistrate, Shri R. S. Nagarwala had an heart attack i.e. Myo-Cardial infarction on the 2nd March, 1972 and he could not be revived despite all efforts.

(c) A copy of the Inquest Report is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT—3329/72].

Decentralisation of Air Administration

1548. SHRI MUKHATIAR SINGH MALIK :
SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision on the proposal under consideration of Government to decentralise the administration of All India Radio has since been taken ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The proposal is still under consideration of the Government.

Police in Action about a Fatal Accident on Alipur Road, Delhi

1549. SHRI BHOLA MANJHI : Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a fatal accident took place on Alipur Road, Delhi on April 19, 1972 ;

(b) whether the deceased's brother, a peon in the Delhi University P.O., lodged a report at the Civil Lines Police Station to this effect ;

(c) whether the 'Times of India' New Delhi, published a letter from one Shri Raj Chatterjee giving details on the 5th June, 1972 ;

(d) whether the car involved in this accident belonged to and is registered in the name of a retired Major General ;

(e) whether so far the Police has not taken any action in the matter; and

(f) if so, steps being taken to punish the culprit and help the widow?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A case was registered at the Civil Lines Police Station on the Statement of eye witness Shri Ram Sudhar. The brother of the deceased Shri Kanta Parshad who is working in University Post Office sent an application about a fortnight after the incident.

(c) Shri Chatterjee's letter was published in the 'Statesman' dated 5th June, 1972.

(d) The car, No. DLB-176, alleged to be involved is registered in the name of a retired Major General.

(e) and (f) Investigation of the case is still continuing vigorously and action is being taken as required under the law. The widow of the deceased can also file a claim for damage in the court of law.

P. & T. Facilities in District Purnia, West Bengal

1550. **SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present Postal and Telegraphic communications are adequate to the needs of the people in the District of Purnia in West Bengal; and

(b) if not, the steps Government propose to take to effect better communication system in District?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) and (b) The existing

Postal facilities in Purnia District of West Bengal are generally not inadequate. There are at present 269 Post Offices functioning in this District. The average area and population served per post office in Purnia District are 22.53 sq. Kms. and 5938 persons respectively as against the all India averages of 28.60 sq. Kms. and 4901 persons per Post Office. However, to improve these facilities further, it is proposed to open 20 more Post Offices in this district during the remaining period of the Fourth Five Year Plan.

As regards telegraph facilities, there are at present 17 Telegraph Offices in this District. It is proposed to provide telegraph facilities to 10 more Post Offices during the remaining period of the Fourth Five Year Plan. Besides, a proposal is currently under examination to provide additional outlets and Teleprinter for clearing heavy traffic to Asansol or Calcutta.

Production of Steel Pipe

1551. **SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) total quantity of steel pipe produced during the last three years in the country;

(b) whether the production of steel pipe has been on the decline in the recent past; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) Production of steel pipes in the country in the organised Sector during last three years is as below:

Year	Production		
	Black & Galvanised Steel Tubes for water, structurals etc.	E. R. W. tubes for bicycles, transformers etc.	Seamless Steel Tubes
1969	2,99,293 tonnes	25,998 tonnes	24,429 tonnes
1970	2,15,578 "	32,680 "	29,254 "
1971	2,19,417 "	31,458 "	26,058 "