

Rehabilitation of Thakur Paper Mills Samastipur (Bihar)

3388. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 669 on the 3rd May, 1972 regarding rehabilitation of Thakur Paper Mills Samastipur (Bihar) and state:

(a) the action taken in pursuance of the decision of Patna High Court and the present state of affairs;

(b) whether it is proposed to take over, rehabilitate and reactivate the Thakur Paper Mills at its present location in Samastipur; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) to (c). The Court had issued a proclamation of sale and had fixed 27-11-72 for the sale of the mill. The State Government, however, after consultations with the financial institutions, moved the Court to adjourn the sale with a view to find, in the meantime, a suitable party to run the mill, which has been so done for a period of 3 months. There is no proposal to change the present location of the mill.

Opening of New Branch Post Offices and PCO's in Darbhanga, Bihar

3389. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many new Branch Post Offices and P.C.Os. are being opened in Darbhanga District in Bihar during the current year;

(b) the names of places where these will be opened; and

(c) the time schedule for their opening?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA):

(a) 25 branch post offices and one PCO's have already been opened. Sanctions for 51 (fifty one) more branch Post Offices and one PCO have been issued and they are likely to be opened during the current year. Some more branch post offices if justified may also be sanctioned and opened during the remaining part of the current year.

(b) Names of places where branch post offices and PCO have already been opened are given in Statement A laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. see No. LT-3933/72.] The names of places where remaining branch post offices and PCO's already sanctioned are to be opened are furnished in Statement B laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3933/72.]

(c) Remaining branch post offices and PCO's are expected to be opened by 28th February, 1973.

Setting up of Industrial Projects in the Backward Areas During Fifth Plan

3390. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up Rural Industrial Projects for the Development of backward areas in the country during the Fifth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the outlines thereof; and

(c) the areas where these projects are likely to be set up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). 57 backward districts are proposed to be covered under the Rural Industries Projects Programme during the Fifth Five Year Plan period. The area of operation of the programme in the existing projects have been extended to cover the entire districts ex-