

**Direct Dialling System Between
Bhubaneswar and other cities**

9446. SHRI BANAMALI BABU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce direct dialling system between Bhubaneswar and some prominent cities; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (PROF. SHER SINGH):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bhubaneswar is already connected to Cuttack on direct dialling basis. It has been further planned to connect Bhubaneswar to Calcutta Trunk Automatic Exchange by end of 1974-75 for direct dialling facilities to Calcutta, Asansol and Kharagpur. Plans have also been finalised to extend the direct dialling facility from Bhubaneswar to stations like Delhi, Patna, Muzaffarpur, Ranchi, Dhanbad, Rourkela, Jamshedpur progressively during the 5th Plan. The S. T. D. (Subscriber Trunk Dialling) facilities would be further extended to more cities during 6th Plan and beyond.

Air Postal Service in Orissa

9447. SHRI BANAMALI BABU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to link the major and important towns of Orissa with Air Postal Service during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (PROF. SHER SINGH):

(a) and (b). Bhubaneswar is the only town in Orissa which is linked by air and therefore connected by Air Mail Service. Other proposals can be organised when more towns of Orissa are put on the air map by Indian Airlines.

**Tyre and Tube Manufacturing Project
in Punjab**

9448. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH GILL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests in the recent past have been received from the Punjab Government for sanctioning a tyre and tube manufacturing project in view of the mounting demand for both these items to improve the transport system; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Centre to this demand?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI): (a) and (b). The Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd, submitted an application in March 1970 for the grant of a licence for setting up a new undertaking for the manufacture of automobile tyres and tubes. A letter of intent for the manufacture of automobile tyres and tubes with a capacity of 4 lakhs nos. each per annum was issued to the Corporation on 12th December, 1970. No other request has so far been received from the Punjab Government recently in this regard.

Cooperation of Administrative Committees with Licensing Committee

9449. SHRI P. M. MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the secretariat for Industrial Approvals has failed because of non-cooperation from DGTD and administrative Ministries;