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 population, distance from nearest P.O. and financial conditions etc. **Loan for Hire Purchases by N.S.I.C.**

Opening of Post Offices in Orissa during Fourth Plan

7070. SHRI BANAMALI BABU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target of opening of Post Offices in Orissa State for the Fourth Plan has been fully achieved; and

(b) if not, what is the shortfall; and the reasons for the same?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Recasting of Annual Plan for West Bengal for 1974-75

7071. SHRI SAKTI KUMAR SARKAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the West Bengal Government was asked to recast its annual plan for 1974-75; and

(b) if so, the main features of the State's annual plan before and after recasting as desired by the Planning Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

7072. SHRI SAKTI KUMAR SARKAR: SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Small Industry Corporation give loans for Hire Purchases;

(b) if so, total amount sanctioned by the Hire Purchase Division of National Small Industries Corporation State-wise during the last three years; and

(c) whether these amounts were utilised for indigenous manufactured machines and if so, industry-wise information thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI): (a) and (b). No direct loan assistance is given by N.S.I.C. to entrepreneurs. Only machinery is supplied on hire purchase basis to small scale entrepreneurs. Value of machinery supplied during the last three years (State-wise) is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6724/74]

(c) Both imported and indigenous machines were supplied by N.S.I.C. Details for the last three years are as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)			
Year	Imported	Indigenous	Total
1971-72	779.5	90.5	1070.0
1972-73	769.5	146.0	915.5
1973-74 (Upto Feb. 74)	342.34	164.28	506.62

The industries for which the machines were supplied are Mechanical, Elec. Engineering, Surgical industries.