

(b) 1.67 lakhs applicants for telephone connections on the general waiting list were pending for more than three years as on 31st March, 1974. The waiting list for OYT and special category applicants at most of the places in the country is wiped out within three years of the date of application. No separate data is available for them.

Unearthing of Illicit Arms Factories in the Country

3796. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH GILL Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of illicit arms factories unearthed in the country during 1974;

(b) the nature and number of arms seized from there; and

(c) the names of the culprits and the punishment meted out to them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOSHIN): (a) to (c) Information is being collected from the different States and Union Territories and will be laid on the Table of the House on receipt.

Price of Cigarettes

3797. SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of several popular brands of cigarettes have been raised; and

(b) if so, to what extent and the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) and (b). Government do not maintain any statistics regarding

prices of cigarettes. Since cigarettes are not an essential commodity, there is no price control.

वेयेतरा शहर में डाक घर का भवन :

3799. श्री बन्धू लाल चन्दाकर : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दुर्ग जिले के वेयेतरा शहर में स्थित डाकघर का अपना कार्ट भवन नहीं है;

(ख) क्या इस मसल डाकघर के लिये जो भवन लिया हुआ है उनका किराया बहुत अधिक है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार अपना भवन बनाने का कोई विचार कर रहा है ; और

(घ) यदि हा, तो कब ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (प्रो० शेर सिंह) : (क) वहाँ एक इमारत है जो जीर्ण-जीर्ण प्रवस्था में है।

(ख) जी नहीं, उस इमारत का किराया 75 रु० प्रतिमाह है।

(ग) जी हा।

(घ) डाकघर की इमारतों सहित गैर-व्यावसायिक इमारतों के निर्माण पर लगे प्रतिबंध के कारण निर्माण कार्य रुका हुआ है।

Development of Handloom Industry in Madhya Pradesh

3800. SHRI MARTAND SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the total allotment made in the Fifth Plan for the development of handloom industry in the State of Madhya Pradesh; and