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**6. Bihar**

Bhojpur  
Khagaria  
Purnia

28. Arrah  
29. Khagaria  
30. Purnia

**7. Maharashtra**

Gadchiroli

31. Kotgal-Navegon  
Complex

**8. West Bengal**

Jalpaiguri  
Cooch Behar  
Darjeeling  
Malda  
Bankura

32. Raninagar  
33. Cooch Behar  
34. Bagdogra  
35. Malda  
36. Bishnupur

**9. Tripura**

West Tripura  
North Tripura  
South Tripura

37. Sokerkote  
38. Dharmanagar  
39. Takmacherra

**10. Nagaland**

Tuensang

40. Longleng  
41. Noklak

State Governments were given certain guidelines for selection of Growth Centres as follows :—

- (a) Growth Centres should have a population of 50,000 or more as per 1971 Census ;
- (b) They should not be near the existing Centres ; and
- (c) They should have less than 10,000 workers in the non-household manufacturing sector as per the 1971 Census.

However, for sufficient reasons, and subject to the approval of the Central Government, State Governments were given discretion to select Growth Centres not strictly conforming to these guidelines.

The scheme for the development of backward areas, including Industrial Growth Centres, announced in 1983, is being continued until 31.3.1987.

**Opening of new Post Offices in small villages of Maharashtra**

**\*511. SHRI ANOOPCHAND SHAH :**  
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is unofficial ban on recruitment in Telecommunications Department specially in Postal Department because of less allocation of funds in Seventh Five Year Plan ;

(b) whether Government propose to provide more postal facilities in small villages in Maharashtra ;

(c) whether there is a proposal to open new post offices in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS  
AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN  
THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

(SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) In order to enforce strict economy in government expenditure a ban has been imposed by the Government of India on creation of new posts and filling up of vacant posts. Apart from this, there is no unofficial ban on recruitment enforced in the Departments of Posts and Telecommunications on account of inadequate allocation of funds in the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(b) As it is, postal facilities in the rural areas of Maharashtra are reasonably satisfactory. Whereas in the country as a whole a rural post office serves on average, 4.3 villages, the corresponding figure for Maharashtra is 3.38. However, in the event of the ban on creation of posts being relaxed, the scope for further improvement in the rural postal facilities in Maharashtra as in other States/Union Territories can be considered.

(c) No, Sir. As of now, there are no proposals to open new post offices in the rural areas in view of the continuing ban on creation of posts.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

**Setting up of light diesel and petrol retail outlets during Seventh Plan**

Name of Product	('000' tonnes)				
	1985-86*	1986-87*	1987-88@	1988-89@	1989-90@
M.S.	2287	2530	2767	3043	3348
LDO	1133	1190	1130	1130	1130
*Estimated				@Provisional	

**National Alcohol Authority**

\*513. SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :

SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA  
GAVIT

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set

\*512. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the target for setting up of light diesel and petrol retail outlets during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) the norms prescribed for setting up of these outlets; and

(c) the estimated consumption of light diesel and petrol during the Seventh Plan period, year-wise break-up thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) Based on periodical surveys, the Oil Industry prepares Marketing Plans on a year-to-year basis. No target has been fixed for the Seventh Five Year Plan period.

(b) Opening of new dealerships is based on the demand potential and economic viability in an area after taking into account data relating to volume and distance.

(c) The estimated demand/consumption of LDO and MS during the Seventh Five Year Plan (Year-wise) is as under :—

up National Alcohol Authority in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such Authority will also be set up in the States; and

(d) the time by which the National Authority is likely to be set up ?