

[English]

Central Investment in industrial sector in Kerala

*320. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total Central investment in the industrial sector in Kerala ;

(b) whether there has been an increase in it during the past three years ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) to (c) The quantum of Central investment in Central Public Sector Enterprises located in Kerala increased from Rs. 542.68 crores in 1981-82 to Rs. 617.53 crores in 1982-83 and further to Rs. 715.11 crores in 1983-84.

Satellite Communication Project in Calcutta

*321. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA :
SHRI AMAL DATTA :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of leading trade and industry chambers and a host of industry and trade associations in the city of Calcutta need hundreds of overseas communication links every week ;

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan for a satellite communication project for Calcutta ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The trade and industry in Calcutta does generate a lot of overseas traffic.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal for setting up a Videsh Sanchar Bhavan (VSB) in Calcutta with modern switching facilities to serve as a gateway centre for international telecommunications for the Eastern Region. Efforts are being made to acquire a suitable plot of land for the Bhavan. The scheme forms a part of the

7th Five Year Plan proposals of Overseas Communications Service.

(d) Does not arise.

Production of Naphtha based Urea

*322. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the improved availability of Naphtha, Government, propose to increase production of urea output in existing fertilizer plants ;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard ; and

(c) whether setting up of more naphtha based urea plants is planned ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) Naphtha availability has not been a constraint on full production of these plants. Hence, the question does not arise.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The planning for setting up of more naphtha based urea plants is dependent upon finalisation of the 7th Plan and availability of feedstocks including gas.

Agreement with Japanese firm for manufacture of Hi-Tech Phone System

*323. SHRI MANIK REDDY :

SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH
MALIK :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an agreement between Government of India and a Japanese firm for the manufacture of Hi-tech Phone System in the country has recently been concluded ; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) An agreement has been signed between Indian Telephone Industries Limited (ITI) and M/s. Kokusai Electric Company Ltd.