

gent Manufacturers' Association, Madras requesting for import of Do Decyl Benzene for carrying on their small scale industry of manufacturing soap etc. ; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) STC has arranged import of 3,000 tonnes of Do Decyl Benzene during 1984-85. For environmental reasons, use of Do Decyl Benzene in detergents is not considered advisable.

Visit of British Industrial Delegation to India

457. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a 9 member British Industrial Delegation representing small and medium companies had recently visited India to explore business opportunities as well as joint venture proposals ; and

(b) if so, the details regarding its report and the reaction of Union Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) The delegation had meetings with the Indian industrialists in Delhi and Bombay under the auspices of the Association of Indian Engineering Industry (AIEI). The discussions related to the possibilities of tie up in various areas such as petro chemicals, oil field equipment, mineral processing, electronics etc. for transfer of technology, production cooperation and joint ventures etc. These discussions may lead to further cooperation arrangements. Government would consider any concrete proposal on its merits, when received.

Delhi Telephone Directory

458. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item captioned Telephone directory muddle appeared in the Times of India dated the 10th February, 1985 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether any enquiry has been made in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) : Details are given in the Statement attached.

Statement

Distribution of 1984 English issue of Delhi Telephones directory corrected upto 30th June, 1984 was started through distribution centres set up at various telephone exchanges in Delhi Telephone District. Due to inadequate supply of printed copies from the Printer, the distribution could not be done simultaneously at all the places. Due publicity through local newspapers regarding timing and period of distribution was given.

2. An enquiry has been conducted on the news item captioned "Telephone Directory Muddle" which appeared in the Times of India issue of 10th February, 1985. It has been revealed that a distribution centre was opened at Hauz Khas Telephone Exchange on 25.1.1985 for one week. The centre was closed on 2.2.85. A notice intimating that distribution of the Directory at this centre has been stopped and the subscribers who have not been able to get their copies can do so from the office of the Directory Officer, Eastern Court, New Delhi was put up at the main gate as well as at the enquiry office.

3. On 4.2.1985, some subscribers came to the Hauz Khas Exchange for replacement of their old telephone directories. They were politely told that they may get their copies replaced from the Office of the Directory Officer at Eastern Court, New Delhi. But on their insistence, 174 copies were distributed to the subscribers on that day also.

4. 4,50,000 copies had been ordered for printing and the printer has supplied so far 2,45,000 copies only which are being distributed progressively. A copy of the new Directory is given free of charge in replacement of the old copy on production of the renewal coupon from the old copy. The Directory is also available on sale for Rs. 20/- per copy.

5. A supplement to Delhi Telephone Directory, 1984 containing telephone numbers of Ministers, Members of Parliament etc. corrected upto 30th March, 1985 is expected to be made available by June, 1985.

Proposal to Nationalise M/s. India Machinery Company Limited by West Bengal Government

459. SHRI ANAND PATHAK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received the proposal of Government of West Bengal to nationalise M/s. India Machinery Company Limited at Howrah in West Bengal ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government and when the proposal would be taken into consideration ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b) : No specific proposal has been received from the Government of West Bengal for nationalisation of M/s. India Machinery Company Limited at Howrah.

Oil Exploration and Drilling Works in the On Shore Areas in Orissa

460. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Oil India Limited has undertaken Oil exploration and drilling works in the on-shore areas in Orissa ;

(b) if so, since when and the details of the works undertaken on shore so far ;

(c) whether additional on-shore areas in that State are proposed to be explored ; and

(d) if so, the likely time by which the additional work will be under-taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Exploration work has commenced in on-shore area of Orissa. The exploratory drilling is yet to commence.

(b) Details of the works undertaken are as follows :

(i) Acromagnetic surveys carried out in March/April, 78 ;

(ii) Geological Seismic Survey covering 3814 line kilometres was completed by September, 83 ;

(iii) The Seismic Survey data have been processed and interpreted ;

(iv) Four drilling locations have been identified and action has been initiated to acquire land for the sites.

(c) and (d) : Further exploration programme will depend on the results of the exploratory drilling.

Increase in Prices of Family Products of M/s. Glaxo Laboratories

462. SHRI ZULFIQUAR ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage increase in the prices of family products manufactured