

Nationalization of Hindustan Pilkington Glass Works Ltd.

489. SHRI AMAL DATTA :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR
MANDAL :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that in view of non-acceptance of offer from Window Glass Ltd. to settle bank dues with Bank of Baroda, the possibility of Window Glass Ltd. to take over the Hindustan Pilkington Glass Works Ltd. (HPGW), Asansol in West Bengal, will be bleak;

(b) in that case, whether Government will consider the earlier proposal of the Chief Minister of West Bengal to nationalise the unit;

(c) If so, when; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) According to the information received from the State Government of West Bengal, the settlement proposal given by M/s. Window Glass Ltd. for taking over M/s. Hindustan Pilkington Glass Works Ltd. has been approved in principle by the Grindlays Bank and the Bank of America. The proposal is yet to be approved by the third Bank viz. The Bank of Baroda.

(b) to (d) : Do not arise.

Telecommunication Facilities in Raigarh District of Madhya Pradesh

490. KUMRAI PUSHPA DEVI. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Telecommunication facilities available at present are not

adequate in Madhya Pradesh in general and Raigarh District of that State in particular;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has any proposal to provide additional telecommunication facilities in that part of Madhya Pradesh ;

(c) if so, the schemes prepared therefor; and

(d) the time by which the additional telecommunication facilities are expected to be provided there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) (i) Telecom. facilities available in Madhya Pradesh are adequate.

(ii) Telecom. facilities available at Raigarh District are as follows :

No. of exchanges ...	15
Equipped capacity ...	1330
Working connection ...	1039
Waiting list ...	109
Long Distance PCO ...	74

Thus the facilities are adequate.

(b) Yes.

(c) The scheme for additional telecom. facilities to be provided at Raigarh District is as below :

(i) Raigarh 600-lines automatic exchange will be expanded to 1000-lines.

(ii) Raigarh will be connected to National Dialling Network.

(iii) All existing telephone exchanges will be expanded suitably as and when demand builds up.