

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नरहरि प्रसाद गुलदेव साय) : (क) और (ख) विभिन्न एक्सचेंजों से, खास तौर पर उपनगरीय और ग्रामीण इलाकों में, टेलीफोन कनेक्शन देने के लिए दाक तार विभाग की छोटे आकार के केबुलों की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने में हिन्दुस्तान केबुल्स लिमिटेड की क्षमता कम होने के कारण, यह आवश्यक हो गया कि कुछ मात्रा में ऐसे केबुलों आ आयात किया जाए। हिन्दुस्तान केबुल्स लिमिटेड की क्षमता भी बढ़ाई जा रही है।

D.A. for P&T Part Time Staff

*178. SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have rejected the recommendation of the Bhoothalingam Committee to extend the scheme of Dearness Allowance for P & T Part-time staff; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the rejection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD

SUKHDEO SAI): (a) and (b). The recommendation made by the Bhoothalingam Study Group for grant of Dearness Allowance to Extra-Departmental Employees is under consideration of the Government.

Dual Pricing System in Aluminium Industry

*180. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dual pricing system in aluminium industry has been withdrawn;

(b) if so, whether Government have reduced the non-levy ingot prices by about Rs. 1400 per tonne following this step; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following table compares the present commercial grade ingot price with the price prior to 18-10-1978.

	(Rs. per tonne)	
	Previous.	Present
Ex-factory price	9,000 (approximate)	8,632
Ad Valorem Excise Duty (basic).	3,600	3,453
Specific Excise Duty	800	..
Special Duty	220	173
Cost to consumer.. . . .	13,620	12,258

Reduction : R. 1,362/- approximate).