

Construction of Building for Post Office at Ratnagiri in Maharashtra

3466. SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULEKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether present Head Post Office building at Ratnagiri in Maharashtra Postal Circle was constructed some 60 years back;

(b) if so, whether Postal Department had acquired a plot of land for the said post office building in the heart of town, 20 years back and the plans and estimates of the building were approved some 8 years back;

(c) if so, whether this item of construction was taken in J.C.M. and it was included in the priority list and it was promised to start the work before the monsoon of 1977 and the work has not yet been commenced;

(d) whether the amount sanctioned for the construction of Ratnagiri Post Office Building is being diverted for the construction of Post Office Building at Kolhapur; and

(e) if not, when the Government propose to start the construction of Ratnagiri Post Office Building?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BRIJ LAL VERMA):

(a) Yes, more than 60 years ago.

(b) No Sir.

(c) In the Regional J.C.M. meeting held on 30-3-77 the issue of extension to the old H.O. building was discussed and it was stated that this work would be started before the monsoon of 1977. This work has since been completed.

The issue regarding construction of new Departmental building for Ratnagiri Head Post Office was also discussed but no promise to start this work before monsoon of 1977 was made. This work has been included in the priority list of works released in 1976-77 for execution. This work will commence shortly.

(d) No Sir.

(e) The work is expected to start during the current financial year.

Production Cost of Copper at Khetri Copper Complex

3467. SHRI S. G. MURUGAIYAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether inventory of copper has shown about 30 crores of Rupees at Khetri Copper Complex;

(b) if so, why this copper is not being sold; and

(c) cost per tonne of copper produced at Khetri Copper Complex?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) No, Sir. The total stock of finished copper wirebars at Khetri Copper Complex as on 30th June, 1977 was 2,825 tonnes valued approximately at Rs. 5.57 crores (exclusive of excise duty).

(b) Though the stocks of copper are not excessive, yet copper sales have been adversely affected in the recent months due to substantial imports of copper and brass scrap under Registered-Exporters Policy as announced in the Import Policy for 1976-77.

(c) The average cost of production of copper wirebar at Khetri Copper Complex during the year 1976-77 was Rs. 28,746/- per tonne.

इन्दौर के भविष्य निधि आयुक्त के विरुद्ध शिकायतें

3468. डा० लक्ष्मी नारायण पांडेय : क्या संसदीय कार्य तथा अम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इन्दौर, मध्य प्रदेश के भविष्य निधि आयुक्त के विरुद्ध गबन और अनियमितताओं की अनेक शिकायतें हैं; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो सरकार ने इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की है ?