

(d) the details of penal action taken or proposed to be taken in such cases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b). Government is not permitting the use of Foreign Trade Marks on items meant for internal sales. To enforce this condition, the standard conditions have been amended and instead of stating that foreign trade marks are not ordinarily permitted for use on the products for internal sales, the revised condition now reads :

"Foreign brand names will not be allowed for use on the products for internal sales although there is no objection to their use on products to be exported."

(c) and (d). Follow-up of foreign collaboration approvals is done by the various Administrative Ministries. Action for non-compliance of the condition attached with the approval letter is therefore to be initiated by the Administrative Ministry concerned with the item for which the foreign trade mark is used.

Faulty Telephone Service in Calcutta and Howrah Circles

4718. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been recurring complaints from Calcutta and Howrah Circles in West Bengal regarding faulty working of telephone system making it difficult to get correct local as well as trunk calls expeditiously ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to make telephone system more efficient ?

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

(b) Steps being taken to make telephone system more efficient are given in Statement given below.

Statement

Steps to improve the Telephone system

- (i) Replacement of life-expired and worn out telephone exchanges and provision of adequate spares for maintenance of serviceable equipment.
- (ii) Improvement and expansion of interexchange junction network with provision of cable PCM and fibre optics microwave systems.
- (iii) Rehabilitation on the external plant which is the weakest link of the system, by use of jelly filled cables, pressurisation of dry cables, providing ducts, formation of public utility co-ordination Boards in major cities and towns.
- (iv) Increasing the capacities of electronic trunk automatic exchanges and phasing out the pentaconta crossbar trunk automatic exchange equipment which is responsible for large scale failure of STD calls.
- (v) Increasing the capacities of inter-metro transmission media and provision of adequate channelling equipment.
- (vi) Computerisation of some of the important automanual services like directory enquiry and trunk booking/enquiry.

New Post Offices in Punjab and Haryana During 1986

4719. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the total number of new post offices proposed to be opened in Punjab and Haryana during 1986 with their location ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : No new