

(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

post offices are proposed to be opened in Punjab and Haryana during 1986, as of now, in view of the ban on creation of posts.

Bullock Power and Biogas

4720. SHRI P. R. KUMARAMAN-GALAM : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether despite being one of the pioneers in starting Biogas technology, the country has only 2—3 lakhs Biogas plants actually operating as against over 7 million in China ; if so, the reasons therefor ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are not paying indepth attention to the upgrading of bullock power including bullock cart which has an estimated investment similar to that of the Railways and if so, concrete plans proposed under Seventh Plan ; and

(c) whether Bullock Cart and Bullock Power would be considered as one of the Technology Missions under Seventh Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Several improved designs of bullock carts and other animal drawn vehicles as well as agricultural implements have been developed for different agro-climatic zones by different agencies. A National programme on Demonstration of Improved bullock carts is under preparation for the Seventh Five Year Plan. A Centre for draught animal power is also proposed to be established.

(b) No, Sir. Over 5.5 lakh biogas plants have been set up in India and evaluation survey studies conducted by independent agencies indicate that over 85% of the plants set up under the National Project for Biogas Development since 1981-82, are in working order on an all India basis. For China earlier reports indicated installation of about 7 million plants while current reports indicate that about 4.5 million plants are only functioning. However, it is not possible to confirm the authenticity of the information with regard to China.

(c) Some areas have been decided for technology missions as mentioned in the President's Address, and a few more are likely to be added based on suggestions of the Science Advisory Council of the Prime Minister. In addition, sectoral/departmental programmes of importance are proposed to be given as much thrust as possible. Accordingly, it is proposed now to give an impetus to programmes relating to bullock power, upgradation, and wider dissemination of improved techniques consistent with the financial resources made available whether it is included as a technology mission or not.

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Shortage of Power in Northern States

4721. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is shortage of power in Northern States of the country and as a result of this shortage cut is being imposed on supply of power to agriculture and industries ;

(b) if so, the annual production and consumption of power in these States (Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan) ;

(c) whether in some of these States generation of power is in excess of their consumption ; and

(d) if so, their names and whether any arrangements have been made for utilisation of their surplus power ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Northern Region as a whole was having a power shortage of 11% during the period April 1985 to February 1986. To contain the demand within availability, power cuts/restrictions are imposed by the States on various consumers. However, agriculture is given priority in supply of power.

(b) Requirement and availability of power during the period April 1985 to