

review it should show a 5% profit to be eligible for further retention.

(ii) The minimum distance between two post offices is now raised to 1-5 kms. in cities with a population of 20 lakhs and above and 2 kms in other urban areas.

(iii) No extra departmental post offices will be opened in future in urban areas.

[Translation]

Supply of Hot blast stone Technology

784. SHRI RAJESH KUAMR:
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:
SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India has signed any agreement with Hoogovens of Netherlands for the supply Hot blast stone technology;

(b) if so, the salient features of the agreement;

(c) the extent to which this agreement is likely to prove beneficial for the country; and

(d) the time by which the agreement is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) An agreement with M/s. Hoogovens was signed on 22.1.1986, which was effective from 19.11.1986 for transfer of Hot Blast Stove Technology and knowhow to SAIL.

(b) The salient features of the agreement are the Technical Collaboration and technology transfer through design and engineering of four different projects and

association of M/s. Hoogovens experts during implementation stages within five years. It envisages 320 man weeks of Training at Netherlands in the field of design and engineering. It also envisage licence/sublicence for exclusive and perpetual right to use this technology in Indian territory. The tenure of agreement will be for ten years.

(c) This technology will be helpful in improving energy conservation, coke rate and Blast Furnace productivity.

(d) Time for implementation:

1st Project (BF-6 of BSP): Implemented in May, 1991.

2nd Project (BF-4 of DSP): Likely to be implemented in December, 1993.

3rd Project (BF-4 of RSP) : Phase I implemented in 1989. Phase II to be implemented.

4th Project (BF-1 of RSP) : To be implemented.

Design and engineering have been completed for all the four projects.

[English]

Losses in DESU due to faulty meters

785. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHRY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking is running in losses;

(b) if so, whether these losses are due to faulty meters;

(c) the extent of loss suffered every year by DESU on this account; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to replace the faulty meters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Since the energy consumption for the period an energy meter remains faulty is assessed on the basis of past average consumption, it is not feasible to determine whether any loss is suffered by DESU on this account. DESU has initiated action to computerise the particulars of faulty meters to further speed up the replacement of such meters.

[*Translation*]

Newspapers and Magazines published from Maharashtra

786. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of monthly, fortnightly and weekly newspapers and magazines

published in Maharashtra;

(b) the names and number of such papers published from Nanded and Parbhani districts, separately;

(c) the number of complaints received during the last two years against them; and

(d) the details of the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) As per the data compiled by the Office of Registrar of Newspapers for India as on 31.12.1990, there were 1109 monthlies, 294 fortnightlies and 874 weeklies published from Maharashtra.

(b) The number of monthlies, fortnightlies and weeklies published from Nanded and Parbhani districts are given below. Their names are given in the statement attached.

	<i>Nanded</i>	<i>Parbhani</i>
Weeklies	22	11
Fortnightly	2	-
Monthlies	6	2

(c) No complaint was received in the Office of Registrar of Newspapers for India against the monthlies, fortnightlies and weeklies published from Nanded and Parbhani districts during 1990 and 1991.

(d) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

I. Newspapers registered upto 31.12.1990 from District Nanded

Weeklies

1. Nav Nandigram