

(a) No Letter of Intent has so far been issued to Hindustan Paper Corporation for setting up a paper mill in Kumar Bagh (Betia), Bihar, nor the land required for the project been allotted to the Corporation.

(b) and (c). In view of the resources constraint, it may not be possible for Hindustan Paper Corporation to set up the project during the Seventh Five Year Plan period.

[*English*]

Increase in Production of DMT

293. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to increase the products of Dimethyl Terephthalate (DMT) in the country;

(b) if so, the target set for the increase by the end of Seventh Plan;

(c) the steps being initiated for this; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (d). Dimethyl Terephthalate (DMT) and PTA are alternative raw materials for manufacture of polyester. The Planning Commission has estimated the demand for DMT/PTA by 1989-90 as 224,000 tonnes/annum. The present total approved capacity for manufacture of DMT and PTA is 1,49,000 tonnes and 75,000 tonnes respectively. Proposals have been received for additional capacity for manufacture of DMT and PTA. The question of creation of additional capacity for these items would depend upon the capacity that is likely to come up for manufacture of Polyester. Suitable steps would be taken at the appropriate time for creation of additional capacity.

Setting up of New Telephone Exchange at Dolara, District Surat (Gujarat)

294. SHRI C. D. GAMIT : Will the

Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a demand has been made for setting up a new telephone exchange at Dolara, district Surat, Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which approval will be accorded and telephone service made available there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The proposal for setting up a new exchange at Dolara has been found to be non-remunerative.

(c) The proposal will be reviewed when sufficient demand builds up and the project falls within the permissible loss limit.

[*Translation*]

Amount spent on publicity by BHEL

295. DR. A. K. PATEL :
SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited on publicity during each of the last three years and during the current year and the amount out of it spent on advertisements;

(b) the names of the magazines and newspapers in which these advertisements appeared and the amount received by each of them during each of the above years; and

(c) the amount spent on publicity abroad during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.