

contracts were finalised on a negotiated basis.

(b) and (c). Do not arise

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The ARMCO proposal had the following definite advantages over that of Kawasaki of Japan:—

(i) Total capital cost estimated by Armco was lower.

(ii) Operational cost estimate was lower.

(iii) Total know-how fee chargeable was lower.

(iv) The cumulative payment for know-how and royalty over the period of agreement was estimated to be lower by Rs. 4.25 crores in the case of Armco.

Ineffective STD Service between Delhi and Sonapat

2756. SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that S.T.D. service between Sonapat and Delhi is almost ineffective causing great hardship for the consumers; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to tone up the working of S.T.D. Service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) and (b). No Sir. The STD service between Sonapat and Delhi is by and large satisfactory. However, there is a problem in getting certain outlying exchanges of Delhi during the busy hours. At present a large number of stations are working on STD with Delhi and the STD network is overloaded. Steps are being taken to instal additional quantity of equipment to reduce the overload. Improvement is expected in about 6 months time.

C.G.H.S. Jaipur

2757. SHRI R. L. P. VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government Health Scheme had been started in Jaipur and Pune and that no Homoeopathic Doctor has so far been posted to any of these two places; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The necessary requisition for filling up the posts has been sent to the U.P.S.C. It is hoped that the posts will be filled up shortly.

डाक और तार महानिदेशालय द्वारा उम्मीदवारों को प्रशिक्षण दिया जाना

2758. श्री रीतलाल प्रसाद वर्मा : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1976 से अब तक भारतीय डाक और तार महानिदेशालय तथा संचार विभाग द्वारा उम्मीदवारों के कितने बैच प्रशिक्षित किये गये ; और

(ख) क्या इन बैचों में प्रथम श्रेणी में पास होने वाले उम्मीदवार नियुक्त किये गये हैं और यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1976 से 1978 तक की अवधि के दौरान तत्सम्बन्धी पूरा व्योरा क्या है ?

संचार मंत्रालय से राज्य मंत्री (श्री नरहरि प्रसाद सुखदेव साय) : (क) वर्ष 1976 से डाक शाखा के उम्मीदवारों के 184 बैच प्रशिक्षित किये गये थे। और संचार शाखा के प्रशिक्षित उम्मीदवारों के बैचों की कुल संख्या इस समय उपलब्ध नहीं है और