

Number of Newspapers in India

3350. SHRI D. P. JADEJA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of (i) daily, (ii) weekly, (iii) fortnightly, and (iv) monthly papers in India ; and

(b) how many of them are big, small and of medium scale ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) According to annual statements furnished by publishers of newspapers to the Registrar of Newspapers for India, there were on 31st December, 1971, 821 dailies 3,608 weeklies, 1,420 fortnightlies and 4,583 monthlies.

(b) Figures of circulation were furnished only by 6,633 newspapers/periodicals in their annual statements for 1971. Of these 100 were categorise as big (circulation above 50,000), 223 as medium (circulation between 15,000 to 50,000) and 6,310 as small (circulation below 15,000).

Direct Dial System in Jamnagar, Gujarat

3351. SHRI D. P. JADEJA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a great demand from Jamnagar citizens for direct dial systems of telephones with other places in Gujarat ;

(b) if so, when this demand will be fulfilled ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) to (c). In view of its great popularity with the telephone subscribers, the demand for subscriber Trunk dialing is as great in Jamnagar as in other parts of the country. Jamnagar exchange is at present manual one, its automatisisation has been approved and

orders placed for supply of auto telephone equipment. On the completion of this work this auto exchange is proposed to be connected to a Trunk Automatic exchange planned to be installed at Ahmedabad. With present expectations, this may be possible in 1976.

Allotment of Village Industrial Projects to Bihar

3352. SHRI R. P. YADAV : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) how many village industrial projects have been allotted to the State of Bihar by the Centre during Fourth Five Year Plan ;

(b) whether the State Government have requested the Centre to sanction any industrial projects to the State ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Central Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI) : (a) Presumably the reference is to the Centrally sponsored scheme of Rural Industries Projects. 5 Rural Industries Projects covering 4 to 6 C-D Blocks in each Districts excluding towns with population of and above 15,000 were selected for Bihar State when this programme was initiated in 1962-63. During the Fourth Five Year Plan, the area of operation of the projects was extended to cover the entire District areas.

(b) and (c). 4 Rural Industries Projects have been allotted to Bihar State during the Fifth Five Year Plan. The request of the State Government for allocation of additional Rural Industries Projects will be considered when additional projects at the national level are contemplated.