

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). While no final decision has yet been taken on the phasing out of slow-moving vehicles in Delhi, a ban has been placed on the plying of such vehicles in some selected areas of the city, as an experimental measure.

Visit by Deputy Premier of G.D.R.

1350. **SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state—

(a) whether the G.D.R. Deputy Premier had recently visited India and had discussions with the Prime Minister and the External Affairs Minister; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) G.D.R. Deputy Premier's meeting with the Prime Minister was in the nature of a courtesy call. He also called on the External Affairs Minister, when views were exchanged for further expansion and diversification of bilateral trade and economic relations. Discussions also covered possibilities of GDR collaboration in the fields of chemicals, pharmaceuticals and drugs, petroleum, open cast mining, ship-building, textile machinery, agriculture etc.

Closure of Telephone Exchanges in Orissa

1351. **SHRI SHYAM SUNDER MOHAPATRA:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges which have been closed down during the years 1974 and 1975 in Orissa; and

(b) the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA): (a) No exchange was closed during 1974. During 1975, three 25-line exchanges were converted into long distance PCOs.

(b) The demand for telephone connections from these exchanges had become so low that the exchanges were neither justified nor viable economically. The existing subscribers have been provided extensions from the P.C.Os.

12.00 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

STATEMENT re. SHARING OF WATERS AS A RESULT OF BEAS PROJECT AND NOTIFICATION

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): I beg to lay on the Table a statement (Hindi and English versions) regarding sharing of the waters as a result of the Beas Project together with a copy of Notification No. 17(7)/73-DW (N)/JRC-Vol. II dated the 24th March, 1976, issued under sub-section (1) of section 78 of the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-10522/76].

REVIEW & ANNUAL REPORT OF COCHIN SHIPYARD LTD., COCHIN AND REPORT & CERTIFIED ACCOUNTS OF SHIPPING DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE FOR 1973-74

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): On behalf of Shri H. M. Trivedi, I beg to lay on the Table—

(1) A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Review by the Government on the working of the Cochin Shipyard Limited, Cochin, for the year 1974-75.