Inclusion of Andal and Pandaveswar Exchanges in rural automatic exchanges

3259. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

## SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOS-WAMI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-TIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for the inclusion of Andal and Pandaveswar Exchanges in the Rural Automatic Exchanges;
- (b) if so, what are the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) (i) Pandaveswar does not qualify for a 128 port C-DOT RAX due to inadequate demand.
- (ii) A 500 line RLU at Andal forming part of 10-B exchange at Asansol is proposed in 1990-91. A. C-DOT RAX is, therefore, not necessary.

म्राई० पी० सी० एत्र० की वितरण त्रवस्य।

## 3260. श्री प्रजीत जोगी:

श्री ठाकुर जातगाल सिंह:

क्प्रः <mark>उद्योग</mark> मंत्री यह बताने की क्रुपा ंकरेंगे कि .

- (क) क्या यह सच है कि इंडियन पेट्रो केमिकल्प प्रा० लि० बड़ोदरा द्वारा ग्रौद्योगिक (ककों को ईबोडीन एवं पोली प्राप्तित को सप्लाई निजो क्षेत्र के वितरकों के जरिए को जा रही है, ग्रौर
- (ख) यदि हां, तो निजी वितरकों के स्थान पर मध्य प्रदेश लघु उद्योग निगम जि०, भाषाल को पूरे राज्य के

लिए वितरक नियुक्त करने में क्या श्रापत्ति है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री जे० वेंगल राव): (क्ष) जी, हों।

(ख) सामान्यतः ग्राई पी सी एल की नीति ग्रपने पालीमर उत्पादों के लिए विन्नेताओं की नियुक्ति करने की है ताकि प्रतियोगिता के जारिए ग्राहकों कः बेहतर सेवा प्रदान की जा सके। ग्रतः ग्राई० पी० सी० एल० के लिए मध्य प्रदेश लघु उद्योग निगम लिमिटेड के सारे राज्य से एकाधिकार के ग्राधार पर काम करने की ग्रानुमित देना सम्भव नहीं हुग्रा है।

## Village Post Offices

## 3261. SHRI VITHARAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV:

SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-, TIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the number of villages in India where post offices have been opened;
- (b) how many such post offices are connected by telephone services; and
- (c) what are the rates of telephone calls in urban and rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) As on 31st March, 1988 there were 1,28,829 post offices functioning in the rural areas, each post office serving on average 4 to 5 villages.

- (b) As on 30th June, 1988, 37,000 villages in the country were having telephone services. The number of post offices in rural areas provided with telephone facility is being ascertained and will be laid on the Table of the House.
- (c) The rates are indicated in the statement.