

While there has been no occasion for i the NBCC and HUDCO t₀ prepare , deficit budget, in some cases the HPL has to prepare deficit budget depending on the viability of the orders in hand.

(d) The main reasons for pre paration of deficit budget by the HPL are as follows: —

(i) insufficient workload with the result the capacities of men, machinery etc. are under-utilised.

(ii) Procurement of orders on the basis of marginal costing to reduce the loss.

(e) In such cases the Ministry asks the concerned undertaking to explain the reasons and take remedial action.

Public sector units under Ministry of Communications

322. SHRI R. R. MORARKA: Will j the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS ! b_e pleased to state;

(a) what is the nature of supervision and control exercised by the Ministry on the working of public sector units functioning under it;

(b) whethee the Ministry receive monthly or quarterly performance reports from these units;

(c) whether a practice is followed to prepare a budget fo_r each of the units for the ensuing year and if so, whether it is also a fact that in some cases deficit budgets are prepared;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for the same- and

(e) what action is taken by the Ministry where the actual results vary from the budgeted figures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) The Ministry exercises overall supervision and control on these Public Sector Units by appointing the members of the Board of Directors including the Chief Executives of the Companies, approving their plans and programmes including Five Year '

Plans and Animal Plans, specific schemes involving capital expenditure exceeding certain monetary limits, agreements involving foreign collaboration, issuing directives whenever necessary and monitoring the performance of the undertakings, etc.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry receives monthly/quarterly performance reports from these units and indepth dis_ cussions take place periodically on the basis of these reports, between senior officers of the Ministry and of these Undertakings.

(c) The practice of preparing budgets for the ensuing year is followed by the public sector units and no deficit budgets are prepared. Hco'-ever, budgetary support is provided by the Government for Plan Schemes to the extent required.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Whenever the actual performance of the public sector undertakings falls short of the targets, remedial action is taken to remove the bottle-necks in achieving the targets.

Issue of licences for installation of new cooperative sugar factories

323. SHRI ARVIND GANESH KUL-KARNI: SHRI S. W. DHABE;

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE b_e pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications for issue of licences pending with his Ministry in cooperative sector received during the last three years year-wise for installing new cooperative sugar factories and how many of such cooperative factories have been granted licences;

(b) whether any decision has been taken as regards granting incentives based on 'Sampat' formula to new cooperatives; and

(c) whether adequate financial support has been provided by NCDC and the financing institutions to these new projects?