

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A number of measures as detailed below, have been taken to check corruption :

(i) A Vigilance Cell under an officer of the rank of Additional Inspector General of Police, has been formed to probe into every case of corruption that come to notice.

(ii) Service and conduct rules have been drawn up on the lines of public sector undertakings and all officers are required to conduct themselves accordingly.

(iii) The company officers are now required to file a periodical Statement of their assets.

(iv) A contract department headed by a qualified and senior engineer has also been created to deal with contracts.

During 1975, cases of corruption and dereliction of duty had been instituted against five officers and one member of supervisory staff. The services of one officer has been terminated; one officer has been prematurely retired; and in the case of another the annual increment has been stopped for a period of three years. The contract of a firm has been summarily terminated when their staff was found to be indulging in dishonest practices. The firm has also been black-listed.

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) to (g) It has been decided that regular departmental labour should be employed on all jobs of a perennial nature. Satisfactory progress has been made in departmentalising contract labourers engaged in perennial jobs. Contract labour may however have to be continued where the jobs are of non-perennial and fluctuating nature and where employment of permanent labour will be uneconomical.

#### **Telephone System in Industrial Cities in West Bengal**

329. SHRI KALYAN ROY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the frequent break-downs and interruptions

in telephone communications in Calcutta, Durgapur and Asansol causing serious inconvenience to the subscribers;

(b) if so, the details of the steps being taken to modernise and improve the functioning of telephone systems in these places; and

(c) by when arrangements for STD system linking Calcutta with the rest of the country are likely to be completed .

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA) : (a) and (b) There are no frequent breakdowns and interruptions on telephone communication in Calcutta, Durgapur and Asansol area. However, as a part of department's continuous effort to reduce interruptions, the telephphone systems are progressively being improved. For example, underground cables in Calcutta are going to be pressurised so as to protect them from water and moisture. A special drive to overhaul and refit the internal exchange and external equipment including subscribers' fittings has been started. Exchanges which have outlived their usual life are being progressively replaced.

(c) Calcutta is already linked with Madras (one way) Kharagpur, Asansol, Bhubaneswar and Cuttack on S.T.D. It is expected that Calcutta will be linked with Bombay and New Delhi by the<sup>1</sup> end of 1976-77.

#### **इस्पात का उत्पादन**

330. श्री प्रकाशबीर शास्त्री : क्या

इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में इस्पात के कितने संयंत्र अपनी पूरी क्षमता पर काम कर रहे हैं ;

(ख) अपनी क्षमता से कम काम करने वाले संयंत्रों के उत्पादन में सुधार लाने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाए हैं; और

(ग) क्या उत्पादन में सुधार लाने के लिए नई तकनीकें शुरू करने का प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ?