

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. S. D. SHARMA) : (a) and (b) Complaints due to faults on local telephone equipment and lines, delay in maturing of some trunk calls due to various reasons and some complaints regarding excessive telephone bills, which are not abnormal have only been received. Working of some exchanges have been sometimes affected due to prolonged power shedding. These complaints are being attended to at appropriate levels in Tamil Nadu Telecom. Circle.

World Paper Bank

1020. SHRI AWADHESHWAR PRASAD SINHA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India has sponsored a resolution for world paper bank at a recent UNESCO conference held at Paris ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what is the reaction of other countries thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The resolution sponsored by India was passed in the conference.

(b) The proposed world paper bank would hold and identify paper stocks to meet the educational, cultural and communication needs of all countries, particularly of developing nations. The details are yet to be worked out.

(c) Most of the countries represented at the Conference supported the resolution.

Spy Satellites

1021. SHRI AWADHESHWAR PRASAD SINHA :
SHRI N. G. GORAY :

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Times of India' of 11th November, 1974 in which it is stated that spy satellites were seen watching the Pokharan site of May 18, 1974 nuclear experiment for several days; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b) During a lecture arranged by the Physics Department of Delhi University on 8th November, 1974, Dr. R. Ramanna, Director, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, mentioned in passing that every night one could see satellites passing and even at Pokharan the team working for the peaceful nuclear experiment used to see these at night. These satellites could have taken photographs, but we are not aware whether they did so or not.

राजस्थान को सीमेंट की सप्लाई

1022. श्रीमती लक्ष्मी कुमारी चुंडावत : क्या उद्योग और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राजस्थान में निर्मित सीमेंट अधिकांश रूप से अन्य राज्यों को सप्लाई किया जाता है और इस प्रकार राजस्थान को अपने ही उत्पाद से वंचित रखा जाता है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

†[Cement supply to Rajasthan

1022. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that cement manufactured in Rajasthan is mostly supplied to other States; and thereby depriving Rajasthan of its own product; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

†[] English translation.

उद्योग और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बी. पी. मौर्य) : (क) राजस्थान में उत्पादित सीमेंट की पर्याप्त मात्रा अन्य राज्यों को भेजी जाती है किन्तु ऐसा राजस्थान को की जा रही सप्लाई और इस राज्य को आवंटित सीमेंट के कंटे में कमी करके नहीं किया जा रहा है।

(ख) राजस्थान राज्य को सीमेंट का संभरण (सप्लाई) उस राज्य में स्थित कारखानों द्वारा किया जा रहा है तथा भौगोलिक दृष्टि से निकट होने तथा परिवहन सुविधाएं होने के कारण कुछ क्षेत्रों को पड़ोसी राज्यों में स्थित सीमेंट कारखानों से भी संभरण किया जाता है। राजस्थान का अधिशेष (फालतू) सीमेंट उत्पादन देश में सीमेंट का समान वितरण करने के लिए अन्य राज्यों को भेजा जाता है।

[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI B. P. MAURYA) : (a) A considerable portion of cement manufactured in Rajasthan is supplied to other States but this is not at the cost of supplies to Rajasthan *vis-a-vis* the quota of cement allotted to this State.

(b) Supplies of cement to the State of Rajasthan are made from factories located in that State as well as some factories in adjoining States which are in a better position to serve certain areas of Rajasthan on account of their geographical proximity and convenience of transportation. The surplus production of cement in Rajasthan has to be sent to other States in the interest of equitable distribution of cement in the country.]

1023. [Transferred to the 17th December, 1974.]

†[] English translation.

Setting up of Industrial Complex in Orissa

1024. SHRI RABI RAY : Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Orissa discussed with the Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission for setting up an industrial complex under the aegis of the Commission at Chhatrapur in Ganjam district of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE PRIME MINISTER SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The informal talks referred to the setting up of an industrial complex based on beach sands in Gopalpur in Orissa by Indian Rare Earths Ltd., a public-sector undertaking under the administrative control of this Department. The investment envisaged is of a substantial nature. Details regarding financial arrangements and other technical matters are under active consideration of Government.

Advertising of political opinions of foreign countries in Indian newspapers

1025. SHRI BANARSI DAS : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain foreign countries are heavily advertising their political opinions in Indian newspapers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the advertisement revenue forms a major source of income for such newspapers; and