

mines nationalised in May, 1973. No Balance Sheet or profit and loss account for the Coal Mines Authority has been published as yet.

Master Plan for Power

728. SHRI KB. CHETTRI:
SHRI NABIN CHANDRA BURA-
GOHA*IN : DR. R. K.
CHAKRABARTI :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the West Bengal Government has submitted to the Central Government a master plan for power; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROP. SIDDH-
ESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Proposal for setting up Telecommunication Equipment Factories in Madhya Pradesh

729. SHRI CHAKRAPANISHUKLA:
SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA :
SHRI N. P. CHAUDHARI :

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

(a) whether the Central Government have received any proposal from the Madhya Pradesh Government for setting up certain telecommunication equipment factories in that State during the Fifth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what are the details of these proposals; and

(c) what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICA-
TIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA) :
(a) Yes.

(b) The Government of Madhya Pradesh have suggested certain sites suitable for location of telecommunication factories.

(c) The proposal is under consideration of Government.

Post Offices in Madhya Pradesh

730. SHRI CHAKRAPANI SHUKLA :
SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA
SHRI N. P. CHAUDHARI :

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

(a) the average number of post offices per hundred square kilometres in the country;

(b) the average number of post offices per hundred square kilometres in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to open more post offices in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICA-
TIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA) :

(a) 3.65 Post Offices

(b) 1.40 Post Offices.

(c) The Post Offices are opened according to a national policy. In opening post offices, certain norms have to be observed. These relate to the population and distance from the nearest post office as well as the cost and income of the proposed post office.

Postmaster-General, Madhya Pradesh Circle, has been asked to review the postal development of the State with a view to opening of more post offices wherever justified.

Central Sales Agency for distribution of paper and board

731. SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA :
SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI
CHUNDAWAT : SHRI
H. S. NARASIAH :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND
CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to create a Central Sales Agency for the distribution of paper and board; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL
SUPPLIES (SHRI B. P. MAURYA) : (a) No,
Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Coal Production

732. DR. Z. A. AHMAD : Will the Min-
ister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a big loss in the production of coal due to lack of mechanisation of coal mines;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard; and

(c) what is the total loss in the coal production for the last two years?