

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a field telephone was installed near the control tower in Rajasthan when the atomic device was exploded in Rajasthan desert;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the telephone was found out of order at the time when the news of successful experiment was to be communicated to the Prime Minister; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken against the persons responsible for that?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (PROF. SHER SINGH). (a) No field telephone was installed by the P&T authorities at the said site.

(b) and (c) The question does not arise.

#### Kudremuk Iron Ore Project

1465. SHRI H. S. NARASIAH : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Karnataka Government have forwarded to the Central Government detailed plan whereby Kudremuk Iron Ore Project Authority could come forward to finance the diversion of the Chakra and Savehakkulu rivers into the Lingankakki reservoir;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have accorded sanction ; and

(c) whether the Kudremuk Iron Ore Project Authority has been advised to finance the diversion?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) to (c) It has been proposed that Chakra and Savehakkulu diversion schemes may be financed by the Kudremuk Iron Ore Project. The scheme report has been received in July, 1974 and it is likely to be considered by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Power Projects shortly.

#### Distribution of Raw Material

1466. SHRI B. S. SHEKHAWAT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to faulty distribution of indigenous raw material in the private sector, small scale industries in the country are facing economic crisis and are forced to close their units; and

(b) if so, what remedial measures are proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI):

(a) and (b) While small scale industries continue to be in need of increased quantities of indigenous raw materials, the overall position has improved. For instance, the allocation of steel for small scale industries has increased over the years as follows:—

1971-72	·	·	162000 tonnes
1972-73	·	·	299000 „
1973-74	·	·	425000 „

Certain raw materials have been brought under a system of informal control with a view to ensuring availability of raw materials to small scale units. Under this system raw materials are allotted in bulk to Directors of Industries who in turn make unit-wise allocations. Efforts are being made to bring more and more items under a system of informal control. Further the national census of small scale units already in progress will help in elimination of units which exist only on paper. This will enable genuine units to get an increased allocation of raw materials.

#### परिवहन सहायता योजना

1467. श्री भैरों सिंह शेखावत : क्या औद्योगिक विकास तथा विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :