

Investment by Public Sector and Private Sector in Cable Manufacture

3538. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether both public sector and private sector cable manufacturers are having a large inventory of jelly-filled and dry paper-coated cables;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total real investment in private and public sector in the seventh Plan period in telecommunications as a whole and in cables, terminal equipment, components and switching in particular; and

(d) the shortfall in the country in terms of telephone lines and in the area of switching?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA). (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

[*Translation*]

Speed Post Service in Chhota Nagpur

3539 SHRI SIMON MARANDI Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the places in Chhota Nagpur-Senthal Pargana area in Bihar where Speed Post Service is available.

(b) whether there is any proposal to extend it to some more places in this area during 1990-91; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The Speed Post Service is available in Ranchi, Jamshedpur and Dhanbad.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply in (b) above.

[*English*] -

Installation of Max-I at Nanded (Maharashtra)

3540 DR. VENKATESH KABDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to install Max-I telephone exchange at Nanded in Maharashtra in near future;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be installed, and

(c) the time by which the waiting list for telephone connections at Nanded will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Telephone exchange is likely to be installed by September, 1990.

(c) Nearly 70% of the present Waiting list is proposed to be cleared by March, 91 and the remaining Waiting List will be cleared subsequently.

Maintenance of Telephone Exchange in Calcutta

3541. SHRI M.V. CHANRASHEKARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply

give on 3 May, 1990 to Unstarred Question No. 7322 regarding Maintenance of Telephone Exchange in Calcutta Telephones and state:

(a) whether the telephone breakdowns in the areas mentioned there-in have been continuously rising;

(b) whether a number of subscribers have been preferring claims for rental rebate for the past one year and not getting any reply;

(c) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(d) whether faults on the telephone are not being attended; and

(e) if so, the facts thereof and action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir. Faults had increased with the starting of rains.

(b) A number of subscribers have been preferring claims for rent rebate and are being granted the same as per rules.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir. The faults are being attended, but when there are large number of cable breakdowns, delay occurs.

(e) Does not arise.

Telex Connections on Demand

3542 SHRI BABANRAO DHAKNE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government contemplate

provision of telex connections on demand; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The draft Eighth Five Year Plan envisages provision of 37300 new telex lines to continue the policy of providing telex connections practically on demands. The plan also provides for replacement of all electro-mechanical type telex exchanges by electronic telex exchanges.

Foodgrains Production in Rajasthan

3543. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up an programme to double foodgrains production in Rajasthan during the Eighth Plan;

(b) whether State Government has sought the assistance of Union Government to achieved the objective; and

(c) if so, the Central assistance proposed to be given to Rajasthan to implement the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR).

(a) For increasing the production of foodgrains in Rajasthan the Special programmes already being implemented include:

(i) Special Foodgrains Production Programme-Maize & Millets

(ii) Special Foodgrains Production Programme-Wheat; and