

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Latest Year</i>	<i>Cost of Production</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
4.	Karnataka	1986-87	11 52
5	Maharashtra	1987-88	17 13
6.	Tamil Nadu	1987-88	15 18
7	Uttar Pradesh	1986-87	12 99

[Translation]

[English]

S.T.D. Facility at Shahbad, Markanda

3624 SHRI JAI PARKASH Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to provide S T D facility on an immediate basis in Shahbad, Markanda,

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard, and

(c) if not, when the said facility is likely to be provided there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) (a) The S T D facility at Shahabad Markanda is proposed to be provided during the current plan period

(b) An electronic exchange has been planned to replace the existing manual exchange at Shahabad during 1992-92

(c) March 1993, subject to the availability of equipment

Raising of Foreign Commercial Loans by Shipping Corporation of India

3625 SHRI G S BASAVARAJ Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India is finding it tough to raise foreign commercial loans,

(b) whether the European and Japanese banks are asking higher interest rates and shorter period of repayment,

(c) if so whether Government have taken up this matter with these countries and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K P UNNIKRISHNAN) (a) to (c) The Shipping Corporation of India has not negotiated for any foreign commercial loans since December, 1988 Hence the question of whether the Corporation is finding it difficult to raise commercial loans does not arise