[English]

Setting up of Electronic Telephone Exchanges at Ranchi and Jamshedpur in Bihar

3725. SHRI SIMON MARANDI Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of telephone connections in Ranchi and Jamshedpur, Bihar,

(b) the total number of applicants on the waiting list in the two cities, category-wise,

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up electronic exchanges in these cities,

(d) if so, when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The number of connections as on 31.3.1990, in the two cities are as under:

Ranchi	.	10687
Jameshedpur	:	9026

(b) The total number of applicants on the waiting list in the two cities category-wise are as under.

Category	Waiting List as on 31 3 90 in	
	RANCHI	JAMSHEDPUR
OYT	407	411
Non-OYT Special	558	188
Non-OYT General	1707	1206
Total:	2672	1805

(c) to (e). There is 2000 line electronic exchange at Ranchi which is being expanded by 1000 line during this year. Further equipment of 2000 lines and 1000 lines has been allotted for espasion for the year 1990-91 and 1992-93 respectively which are expected to be commissioned in the year 1992-93 and 1993-94 respectively subject to its timely availability. There is 1300 lines electronic exchange (RLU) at Dhurva for which 500 lines equipment has been allocated for expansion for the year 1993-94.

There is a 4000 lines main electronic exchange equipment allotted for Jamshedpur for the year 1991-92 which is expected to be commissioned during 1993-94. Further, 3000 lines electronic exchange (RLU) expansion equipment has been allotted for the year 1993-94.

Telephone Bills of Secretaries in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

3726. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKATA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the total amount of telephone bills of all the Secretaries including the Chief Secretary in Andaman and Nicobar Islands for the last three years?