

Losses to Shipping Corporation of India Due to Gulf Crisis

203. SHRI BALGOPAL MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the shipping Corporation of India has suffered losses due to Gulf Crisis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b). Due to increase in oil prices consequent upon Gulf crisis and increase in indirect operating costs like insurance etc., the profitability of Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. during the current financial year is estimated to come down by Rs. 40 crores.

(c) Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. is closely monitoring the situation. The Government also is keeping a close watch on the financial performance of the S.C.I. and it is being reviewed periodically.

[*Translation*]

Theft of Telephone Cables in South Delhi Area

204. SHRI BALESHWAR YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone cables have been stolen during the last three months in South Delhi area; and

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected and the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ten thefts occurred during the last three months. In all the cases FIR has been lodged with Police.

New Telephone Exchange at Shahadara

205. SHRI BALESHWAR YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a new telephone exchange, at Shahadara, Delhi;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be commissioned;

(c) the present number of telephone subscribers registered in the trans-yamuna area;

(d) whether telephone facility would be provided to all these subscribers after the proposed exchange starts functioning; and

(e) if not, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The new Shahdara digital electronic remote line (RLU) to Code '229' was commissioned on 26.11.90.

(c) The number of subscribers registered under various categories in the Trans-Yamuna area as on 1.12.90 are as follows:—