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This programme was attended by 21 senior diplomats from 126 Commonwealth countries in Asia, Africa and the Caribbean including two from India. Three FSTI faculty members also participated in the programme as guest faculty. Financial support for this programme was provided by the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation under its Fellowships and Training programme.

The objectives of the Commonwealth Senior Diplomats Programme were to update participants about the contemporary issues in global economy, polity and diplomacy and sharpen their managerial and administrative capabilities.

The programme content covered (i) the emerging trends in international relations, its increasing complexities and new dimensions, the new role of world agencies in the context of detente etc. (ii) the world economic outlook, trends in international trade, North South dialogue, South-South cooperation and the international financial system. (iii) Managerial and administrative skills including current concepts and techniques.

The results of the programme were satisfactory. The programme was found to be useful and relevant to the professional needs of the participants particularly towards a better comprehension of problems common to developing countries.

Improvement in Telephone Services in Cuttack District

5540. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telephone services in Cuttack district or Orissa are not satisfactory, and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to modernise these services and improve their efficiency?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRI SHNAN): (a) Generally it is satisfactory, though there have been some complaints.

(b) In order to improve the services further a number of modernisation proposals are planned during the Eighth Plan namely

- (i) installation of 2000 lines electronic exchange (RLU) at Cuttack,
- (ii) installation of 512 port ILT electronic exchange at Jajpur town,
- (iii) installation of 512 port exchange at Keonjhar and number of small electronic exchanges in rural areas.
- (iv) Transmission media are also proposed to be upgraded.

Daily Development in Andhra Pradesh

5541. SHRI Y. S. RAJA SEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted for further dairy development in the drought-prone areas of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVILAL): (a) Government are not aware of any such study.

(b) Does not arise.