

(b) the total number of electronic and crossbar exchanges set up since June, 1991 in these States;

(c) the total number of villages covered by telephone facility at present;

(d) whether these telephones are working satisfactorily;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Exchanges which require replacement/Modernisation:

Gujarat - 355

Madhya Pradesh - 211

(b) Electronic and Crossbar Exchanges commissioned including replacement:

Gujarat - 592

Madhya Pradesh - 1187

(c) Number of villages covered by telephone facility:

Gujarat - 5876

Madhya Pradesh - 11960

(d) to (f). Telephones are generally working satisfactorily and faulty PCOs are repaired with a reasonable time. However, some times there may be prolonged interruption of PCOs provided through long open wire alignment which are affected due to natural calamity and thefts etc. For improving the performance of such PCOs reliable multi-access rural radio system (MARR) are being introduced in telecom

network.

Tillar Dam In Madhya Pradesh

*589. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tillar Dam is being constructed in Agar-Malwa in Shajapur district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the total amount spent so far on the construction thereof;

(c) the total area of land in hectares being irrigated at present and likely to be brought under irrigation;

(d) the total amount likely to be spent on the completion of the dam; and

(e) the time by which the dam is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCE AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An expenditure of Rs.30.76 crores has been made upto March, 1992 and likely expenditure during 1992-93 is Rs.1.50 crore on the project.

(c) Irrigation potential of about 5,000 hectares has been created till the end of 1991-92 and an additional potential of 2,000 hectares is likely to be created during 1992-93 against an ultimate irrigation potential of 9,000 hectares.

(d) Latest estimated cost of the project is Rs.36.46 crores.

(e) The project is scheduled to spill over in IX Plan.