

(a) whether the technical employees are being posted at non-technical posts in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd for the last many years,

(b) if so, the reasons thereof,

(c) whether the Government propose to post persons having technical employees in technical posts and non-technical employees in non-technical posts only and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) and (b) Posts which are basically administrative in nature but also require technical knowledge for better effectiveness are being manned by technocrats having the required exposure in administration/administrative matters

(c) and (d) Deployment of employees is done on the basis of job requirement and it is not feasible to demarcate posts into technical and non-technical, especially at the higher levels

[*English*]

#### **Allotment surrender of Telephones**

1963 SHRI LOKANATH CH-  
OUDHURY Will the Minister of COMMUNI-  
CATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether various ministers/departments of the Central Government has surrendered 10 per cent of the telephone lines as per the directions issued by the Prime Minister in this regard,

(b) if so, what was the number of lines available to the communication department thereby and

(c) whether these lines have been allot-

ted to the applicants registered for telephone connections, if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House

#### **Modernisation of Bhilai Steel Plant**

1964 KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state

(a) the steps taken for the modernisation of Bhilai Steel Plant in Madhya Pradesh,

(b) the amount earmarked therefor, and

(c) the details of the work done under the modernisation programme, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) Though there are some specific schemes proposed during the VIII Five Year Plan to be taken up in Bhilai Steel Plant, there is no comprehensive project for its modernisation

(b) and (c) Do not arise

[*Translation*]

#### **National Power Transmission Corporation**

1965 SHRI NITISH KUMAR Will the Minister of POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have set up a separate Institute to curb the losses incurred due to power transmittance in the country,

(b) if so, whether the National Power Transmission Corporation has started functioning;

(c) if not, the time by which it is likely to function; and

(d) the number of employees appointed in this Institution category-wise (1st, IInd, IIIrd and IVth class) upto January 1992 and the details of the expenditure incurred on the Institution including the salaries of the employees, month-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The National Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (NPTC) was incorporated on 23rd October, 1989, under the Companies Act, 1956, with an authorised share capital of Rs. 5000 crores to undertake the programme of laying the transmission system and associated sub-stations in a coordinated and efficient manner with a view to move large blocks of power from various generating sources under the central sector to the load centres within the region as well as across the regions with reliability, security and economy. NPTC would help in reducing in transmission losses to some extent. The Management of the Transmission work of NPTC, NHPC and NEEPCO have been taken over by NPTC for the purpose of operation, maintenance, construction, planning etc.

(d) The class-wise details of employees in NPTC upto January, 1992 is as under:-

Ist Class	1078
IInd Class	566
IIIrd Class	2836
IVth Class	659

The expenditure incurred on the NPTC during 1991-92 (upto January, 1992) including the salaries of the employees month-wise is as follows:-

Month	Rs. in Lakhs
April, 1991	398
May, 1991	407
June, 1991	417
July, 1991	433
August, 1991	458
September, 1991	1428
October, 1991	809
November, 1991	791
December, 1991	1098
January, 1992	3551

#### Setting up of New Airports During Eighth Plan

1966. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA. Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new airports proposed to be set up in the Eighth Five Year Plan, and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when Ajmer is likely to be airtlinked?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Since the size of the 8th Plan is yet to be finalised details have not been firmed up. There is no proposal to