

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BRIJ LAL VERMA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 13 applicants have paid advance deposits on 15th September, 1976 for registering their telephone demand.

(c) to (e). Connections could not be provided as there is no telephone exchange in the area. A project estimate for installation of a telephone exchange is under examination by the General Manager (Telecommunications), Gujarat Circle. Connections will be given after sanctioning and opening of an exchange.

Opening of Medical Colleges in Delhi

4371. SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is great demand for opening of new medical colleges in the Union Territory of Delhi; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAJ NARAIN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Steel Stockyard in Gulf Country

4372. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to examine the possibility of opening a stockyard in the Gulf country to serve as base for distribution of its products to West Asian Nations;

(b) if so, the salient features of policy of Government in this regard; and

(c) the names of foreign countries to which Indian steel is being exported at present?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) and (b). SAIL International Limited, the canalising agency for export of iron and steel has been considering the possibility of opening a stockyard in the Gulf Country for maximising steel export in the West Asian Countries.

(c) Steel export during the last three years to the countries named below:—

1. Abu Dhabi, 2. Aden, 3. Afghanistan, 4. Australia, 5. Baharin, 6. Bangladesh, 7. Burma, 8. Mozambique, 9. Bulgaria, 10. Belgium, 11. Czechoslovakia, 12. Doha, 13. Dubai, 14. DPR Korea, 15. Ethiopia, 16. Egypt, 17. Greece, 18. Hong Kong, 19. Holland, 20. Iraq, 21. Iran, 22. Italy, 23. Indonesia, 24. Japan, 25. Jordan, 26. Kuwait, 27. Kenya, 28. Libya, 29. Lebanon, 30. Muscat, 31. Mexico, 32. Mauritius, 33. Malaysia, 34. Nigeria, 35. Philippines, 36. Pakistan, 37. Poland, 38. Rumania, 39. Sweden, 40. Syria, 41. Saudi Arabia, 42. Singapore, 43. Sri Lanka, 44. Turkey, 45. Tanzania, 46. Thailand, 47. Taiwan, 48. U.S.A, 49. U.K, 50. U.S.S.R, 51. Venezuela, 52. Yugoslavia, 53. Yaman, 54. Zambia, 55. Sey-Chelles.

Microwave Equipments for P. & T. Department

4373. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether immediate orders are going to be placed on Budavox Company of Hungary for supply of Microwave equipments for Posts and Telegraphs Department;

(b) whether Government have satisfied themselves with the microwave equipments supplied by the company about 3 years ago worth about 10 crores of rupees;