

(c) This building is likely to be completed by the end of 1987 subject to the availability of resources.

#### Development of Ruraphone

4882. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) when the development of Ruraphone was taken up by the Telecommunication Research Centre ;

(b) Whether it has been accepted for production and supply by M/s. Indian Telephone Industries to the P & T Department ; and

(c) how many of these have been supplied and what is their performance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Such a development work was taken up by the R & D Unit of Messrs. Indian Telephone Industries, Naini, in 1974.

(b) The design had to be modified to meet the requirement of the Department of Telecommunications and the modified version has been accepted for trial production and supply by Messrs. Indian Telephone Industries.

(c) 10 terminals of modified version have been received in the Department so far for field trial.

[Translation]

#### Opening of new Telephone Exchanges in U.P.

4883. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of telephone exchanges opened in Almora, Pithoragarh, Pauri, Chamoli and Tehri, the hill districts of Uttar Pradesh since 1977 to date, yearwise ;

(b) whether representations from the representatives of people for opening some more telephone exchanges in the aforesaid districts have been received by the Department ; and

(c) if so, whether keeping in view the geographical conditions and importance of telephones in these areas, the income is likely to be made the criterion for judging the social need to open such telephone exchanges ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The information is given in the Statement attached.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Small automatic exchanges of 25 lines can be opened at a place if there is a minimum demand of 10 and the revenue is 40% of annual recurring expenditure similarly 50 lines and 100 lines exchanges can be opened if the demand is 23 and 46 and revenue is 60% and 70% of annual recurring expenditure respectively. Thus small exchanges in rural area can be opened on subsidised basis.

**Statement***Details of Exchanges Opened in Hill Areas in U.P. from 77 onwards—District-wise*

Year	Name of District	No of exchanges opened
77-78	Almora	1
78-79	Pithoragarh	1
	Tehri	2
	Chamoli	1
80-81	Almora	1
	Pithoragarh	2
	Chamoli	1
81-82	Almora	5
	Pithoragarh	1
82-83	Almora	4
	Pithoragarh	2
	Chamoli	2
	Tehri	1
83-84	Almora	1
	Chamoli	1
84-85	Almora	3
	Pithoragarh	2
	Tehri	1
Total		32

*[English]***Help to Nepal for Industrialisation**

4884. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to help Nepal in the industrialisation of that country ;

(b) if so, the details of the help sought by Nepal for industrialising that country ; and

(c) the terms and conditions and agreement signed by the two countries ; if any ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) to (c) A Memorandum of Understanding on industrial co-