

equally and if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) if not, the action taken by Government in this regard and the criterion laid down for the year 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) During 1984-85 LDPE and PP produced by Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL) was distributed to 334 and 213 customers respectively in Delhi. Due to long list of customers only the profile of such customers is given as under :

	LDPE	PP
upto 1 tonne/ month	178	96
Between 1 and 5 tonnes/month	124	104
Between 5 and 10 tonnes/month	25	13
Above 10 tonnes/ month	7	nil

(b) As the demand of both LDPE and PP far exceeds the indigenous supplies, the import of these materials has been allowed under OGL for actual users.

(c) The raw material is distributed based on past off-take for the last two years to actual user and not to distributors. The distributors act only as stockists to service the customers.

(d) No change in criteria for distribution is contemplated at present for 1985-86.

[English]

New Bombay Telephone

2132. SHRI S. G. GHOLAP : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Thana is a part of Bombay Exchange but the new Bombay is not; if so, the reasons thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that New Bombay has no facility of STD or direct call to Bombay;

(c) if so, when it is likely to be available; and

(d) the proposal to improve the exchange ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) New Bombay has not been included in Bombay Telephone System as it does not form part of Greater Bombay Municipal Corporation. However, the area under Thana Municipality has been included in Bombay Telephone System due to geographical and historical reasons.

(b) No Sir. Two out of five existing exchanges in New Bombay are likely to be provided with STD facilities to Bombay and some other stations.

(c) The remaining exchanges of New Bombay are likely to be provided with STD facilities to Bombay and some other stations during 7th Five Year Plan.

(d) New crossbar and electronic exchanges have been planned for this area at Turbhe, Belapur, Kalamboli and Panvel during the 7th Five Year Plan which will replace the existing exchanges. A trunk and special services centre at Turbhe has also been planned.

Working of Telephones

2133. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK :
SHRI SOMNATH RATH :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the seasonal rains disturb the telephone lines and telephones in large numbers go out of order in most of the cities and towns;