

Waiting lists of telephone connections in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh

2187. SHRI R. P. SUMAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications pending for telephone connections in the whole of Delhi and in Uttar Pradesh and since when;

(b) the rules/conditions laid down for giving telephone connections and the reasons for delay in giving telephone connections under the rules;

(c) whether the Department has issued any instructions to the concerned officials for expeditious disposal of application pending for the last many years and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which telephone connections are likely to be provided to the persons who are on the waiting lists ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The number of applications pending for telephone connections in the whole of Delhi and in U.P. is 1,40,029 and 22,994 respectively, as on 31.5.1985. The earliest application on the waiting list in Delhi and in U.P. is 19.1.65 and 19.11.77 respectively.

(b) New Telephones are released in different categories as per following % ages.

(a) OYT General and Special	40%
(b) Non OYT General	40%
(c) Non OYT Special	20%

The main reasons for delay are Resource Constraint, inadequate production capacity of switching equipment and cables.

(c) From time to time instructions are issued to wipe out the waiting list as early as possible depending on spare capacity available & new capacity created which depends on availability of resources.

(d) Every effort is being made to provide telephone connections to the persons on the existing waiting lists as early as possible. Rather in the 7th Plan it is proposed to provide telephone connections substantially on demand if sufficient resources are made available to the Department.

Construction of building for telephone exchange in Faizabad (U.P.)

2188. SHRI R. P. SUMAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the area of land available for the construction of building for telephone exchange of Akbarpur in Faizabad district of Uttar Pradesh and since when it is available and how the land is being utilised by the Department; and

(b) whether Government will get the construction of the building started on this land soon and if so, by what time and if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) About 3237 sq.yds. of land was acquired for construction of telephone exchange building, in July, 1980. The land is acquired in advance as per policy of the Department for meeting the requirements of 15 years. At present this land is being utilised for keeping the stores.

(b) The construction of a building will be processed at the appropriate time subject to the availability of resources.