

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have drawn up a plan for the rapid indigenisation of auto ancillaries units; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b). The Government has been reviewing the development and indigenisation of auto ancillary industry in the country from time to time. With a view to bridging the gap between the demand and production of auto components the Government has in the recent past approved a large number of new units and also proposals for modernisation of existing technology as well as induction of new technologies. Government has also delicensed the auto ancillary industry. It is expected that with the above measures the industry would be able to increase the production and also indigenise the components with latest technology.

Raising limit of assets for small units

2225. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that working group on 'upgradation of technology in selected areas in the small sector' has suggested the raising of the limit of assets for small unit; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Report of the Committee is being examined in all its aspects.

National network to improve the telecommunication system of North Eastern Region

2226. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to connect all the district headquarters of the North Eastern Region with the rest of the country with the national network of satellite to improve the telecommunication system of that region;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the time by which work on this programme would start; and

(d) the names of the district headquarters proposed to be connected with the national network system ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The VII Five Year Plan proposal of the Department of Telecommunications envisages provision of reliable transmission media such as terrestrial, UHF, Microwave and Satellite Communications systems to cover all the district headquarters of the North Eastern Region. Satellite is one of the several media available to provide reliable communications to any part of the country. These schemes will be undertaken subject to adequate outlay being made available to the Telecommunication sector. On completion of these schemes the district headquarters will be connected with reliable telecommunication media to their State Capitals and also to the National Telecommunication Network.

(b) Of the various reliable transmission media planned to cover all district headquarters of North Eastern Region, Satellite Earth Stations are already working at Agartala, Aizwal, Imphal, Itanagar, Kohima and have been approved for provision in the VII Five Year Plan at following places :

Gauhati, Halfong, Diphu in Assam
Nongstoin, William Nagar and Tura in
Meghalaya.

Karong in Manipur

Zero, Daporezo, Seppa, Anini,
Along, Bomdilla in Arunachal Pradesh.

Lungleh, Saina in Mizoram

Mon, Junebeto, Tuensang in Naga-
land

Kailashahar, Radhakishorepur in
Tripura.

(c) Work has already started at
number of these stations mentioned in
(b) above.

(d) As mentioned in (a) above and
subject to the availability of adequate
outlays all district headquarters will
have access to National Telecommuni-
cation Network.

**Direct international telecommunication
link with capitals of foreign countries**

2227. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will
the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS
be pleased to state :

(a) whether four metropolitan cities
viz. Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and
Madras have a direct international tele-
communication link with various capitals
of foreign countries;

(b) if so, whether there is any propo-
sal under the consideration of Govern-
ment to include Hyderabad in the list
of internationally linked cities with other
foreign capitals;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and if
not, reasons therefor; and

(d) the extent to which Bombay and
Madras will be relieved of the inter-
national communication pressure as a
result of inclusion of Hyderabad on the
line ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) :

(a) Yes, Sir. Subscriber dialled tele-
phone service is available from these
cities to 6 countries viz. Australia,
France, Hongkong, Japan, Singapore
and U.K.

(b) and (c). Hyderabad is already
having direct international telephone
and telex facilities. The incoming inter-
national telephone calls are directly
routed to all subscribers in Hyderabad
on the STD network. For the outgoing
calls the international trunk operator
at Hyderabad has the facilities to
directly dial any number in 134 coun-
tries. As regards international telex
facilities, both incoming and outgoing
calls are on fully automatic basis. For
technical reasons, at present it is not
feasible to extend direct subscribers dial-
ling facility for outgoing telephone calls
from Hyderabad.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

**Settlement of disputes of employees of
Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan, New Delhi**

2228. SHRIMATI VIDYAWATI
CHATURVEDI : Will the Minister of
INDUSTRY AND COMPANY
AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the
replies given to Unstarred Questions
No. 8930 on 27th April, 1981 and
961 on 14th July, 1982 regarding settle-
ment of disputes of employees of Khadi
Gramodyog Bhavan, New Delhi and
state :

(a) whether disputes of employees
of Khadi Bhavan, New Delhi, which
are pending with the Khadi Gramodyog
Ayog for about the last 8-10 years have
been settled in a justified manner; and

(b) if not, the time by which these
disputes are likely to be settled
finally ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND