

(d) Detailed proposal is being finalised. Action is on hand to obtain necessary sanctions and progress the project.

**Import of Electronic Exchanges from France**

2245. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI :

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Telegraph dated 11th July, 1985 that three 10,000 line electronic Exchanges imported from France and damaged in the rains at a Calcutta port last year are still awaiting the arrival of French experts to assess the damage; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some of the electronic exchange equipment imported from France was subjected to flood waters due to unprecedented rains and flooding in Calcutta, in June, 1984, while stored in a covered Warehouse and not at Calcutta Port in August, 1984 as mentioned in the news report. The examination of the affected cases is already in progress two-third cases have already been examined, in association with the French experts and Insurance Surveyors. The examination of remaining cases is likely to be completed shortly.

**Shortage of L.P.G. cylinders**

2246. SHRI S.M. GURADDI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of L.P.G. cylinders in the country;

(b) whether Government have planned suitable programme for the supply of L.P.G. cylinders to meet the growing demand of consumers;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Association of Manufacturers of L.P.G. Cylinders has complained that several of the manufacturing units are unable to complete the orders due to non-supply of valves for L.P.G. cylinders; and

(d) whether it is a fact that cylinders valuing crores of rupees are piled up in such factories ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The total production of LPG cylinders during 1984-85 having been in excess of the requirement of the oil companies, some cylinder inventories developed with some manufacturers. The quantity and value of such stocks has not been reported to the oil industry by the units.

**Complaints regarding functioning of telephone system in the Capital**

2247. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK :

SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been a number of complaints from the subscribers relating to inefficient telephone services, wrong and inflated billing and poor special facilities;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received during 1st January, 1985 to 30th June, 1985; and

(c) the action taken thereon ?