

Committees expired on 31.12.1983. The nominations in respect of Delhi and Rajasthan have been received and the Committees are expected to be reconstituted shortly.

(c) Only one meeting of Postal Advisory Committee for Himachal Pradesh was held during 1984.

(d) As per the Constitution of the Postal Advisory Committees, ordinarily the Committees will meet once in six months. The observance of this norm will be ensured.

Telecom.

(a) One Telephone Advisory Committee for each telephone District and one Telecommunication Advisory Committee for each State/Union Territory is constituted. There are 60 Telephones/Telecommunication Advisory Committees for whole of the country. 41 Advisory Committees have been constituted and are Functioning.

(b) The names and the dates of expiry of their last term of the Advisory Committees still to be reconstituted are given in the statement attached.

Recommendations under various categories are required to be obtained from the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs for M.P.s, State Legislative Assemblies for MLAs and others from the concerned General Managers of Telecommunications Circles/Telephone Districts. This takes some time. The reconstitution of these Committees is under active consideration of the Governments and are expected to be constituted shortly.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The meetings of the Committee are to be held once in a quarter. Instructions already exist to ensure strict observation of the norms prescribed for the meetings of these Committees.

STATEMENT

Statement showing the names and dates of expiry of the Advisory Committees still to be reconstituted.

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of Advisory Committee</i>	<i>Date of Expiry</i>
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Telephone Districts:

1.	Allahabad	New case
2.	Gauhati	31.5.83
3.	Lucknow	31.4.83
4.	Patna	31.7.84
5.	Rajkot	30.4.84
6.	Surat	30.4.84
7.	Trivendrum	30.6.84

States/Union Territories:

8.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	31.10.84
9.	Bihar	31.5.84
10.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	31.5.84
11.	Karnataka	30.6.84
12.	Kerala	30.6.84
13.	Mizoram	31.5.83
14.	Nagaland	31.5.84
15.	Orissa	31.5.84
16.	Punjab	30.6.83
17.	Sikkim	31.5.84
18.	Tamil Nadu	31.5.84
19.	Uttar Pradesh	30.4.83

Construction of Earth Stations in North Western Telecom Circle

87. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of earth stations are under construction in North Western Telecommunication Circle for improvement in telecommunications;

(b) if so, the names of such places and the likely dates by which these would be commissioned; and

(c) whether any more such places have also been selected for this purpose and the names thereof?

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

(b) Kulu 85-86
Kalpa & Keylong 86-87

(c) No Sir.

Growth of Engineering Industry

88. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth record of the Indian Engineering Industry was not encouraging during the Sixth Plan period;

(b) if so, the main factors responsible therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to remove the bottleneck and increase the output of different sectors in the engineering industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COM-

PANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) The Indian Engineering Industry has recorded substantial growth in many sectors while the growth in a few sectors has lagged during the Sixth Plan period. An illustrative statement is enclosed.

(b) The growth in production of some engineering industries was affected, amongst other factors, due to shortage of power, shortage of raw materials and temporary imbalances in supply and demand.

(c) Government have taken several measures to stimulate industrial production. These include, inter alia, provisions for automatic growth, de-licensing of some industries, providing flexibility to the manufacturers to adjust their product-mix through schemes of broad-banding in some industries, and improving the infrastructural support. The performance of engineering industry is being monitored regularly and policy correctives as necessary are being initiated, from time to time.

STATEMENT

Growth in Production of Selected Industries During Sixth Plan

Sl. No.	Industry	A/c. Unit	Actual Production		Average growth per annum in % during Vith Plan period
			1979-80	1984-85 (Provisional)	
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
<i>1. Basic Metal Industries (34/b)</i>					
1.	Steel Castings	Th. Tonnes	73.1	85.4	(+) 3.2
2.	Steel Forgings	— do —	121.5	152.9	(+) 4.7
3.	Transmission Towers	— do —	95.3	115.3	(+) 3.9
4.	Structurals	— do —	105.2	129.9	(+) 4.3
5.	Seamless steel tubes	— do —	27.0	46.0	(+) 11.2
6.	Black & Galvanised pipes & tubes	— do —	615.6	828.1	(+) 6.1
7.	C.I. Spun pipes	— do —	177.4	178.0	(+) 0.1
8.	Aluminium Filso	— do —	3.9	9.2	(+) 18.7