

technology without having to obtain Government's permission for it;

(b) whether the import of technology is sought to be covered under OGL;

(c) if so, the other details of the scheme; and

(d) when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) to (d) An Inter-Departmental Working Group has been set up to examine the liberalisation of terms and simplification of procedures for import of technology. It will also suggest sector/industries where further simplification in the form of import of technology, under OGL, will expedite the process of Industrial development.

Report of the Working Group has not yet been submitted.

[*Translation*]

Defective functioning of Ajmer Telephone Exchanges

189. SHRI VISHNU MODI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum regarding difficulties being faced by subscribers due to defective functioning of Ajmer Telephone Exchange ;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to send a team of technical expert engineers to check the functioning of the Ajmer Telephone Exchange (Rajasthan) ; and

(c) if so, the time by which this team will be sent there and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No memorandum has been received. Only individual complaints regarding difficulties faced by Ajmer telephone subscribers are received.

(b) No, Sir; the system is working generally satisfactory. However there was

cable breakdown which has already been restored.

(c) Not applicable in view of the reply at (b) above.

Conversion of manual telephone exchanges into direct dialling system in Rajasthan

190. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated a scheme for converting the telephone exchanges in Rajasthan where there is no direct dialling system into Direct Dialling System during the current financial year ;

(b) if so, the places where this scheme is to be implemented during current year ; and

(c) If not, the time by which Government purpose to implement this scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Automatisation of manual exchanges in Rajasthan is proposed to be achieved in a phased programme.

(b) Three exchanges viz. Sikar, Chittorgarh and Sriganganagar are likely to be automatised during current financial year.

(c) There are 140 Manual exchanges in Rajasthan About one third of these are proposed to be automatised during 7th Plan subject to availability of resources.

[*English*]

S.T.D. Facility at Ulhas Nagar and Ambar Nath (Maharashtra)

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

(a) whether an automatic telephone exchange has been commissioned at Ulhasnagar (Maharashtra) recently, and if so, the cost of the project ;

(b) whether there is no STD facility from Ulhas Nagar and Ambar Nath, if so, when it is likely to be made available ; and

(c) the present capacity of the exchange and whether the target is sixty thousand calls per hour ?