

(c) the details of the action taken by Government so far in regard to the payment of the aforesaid amount ; and

(d) the time by which this amount is likely to be paid ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) Only a payment of Rs. 1.5 lakhs to some work-charged employees claimed as Hill Compensatory Allowance/House Rent Allowance is held up, as according to the Project authorities, these workers are not entitled to the allowances. Payments other than these allowances are being released to them. Payment of about Rs. 2 lakhs to contractors is held up because of non-completion of certain formalities/documentation by the contractors.

(b) No, Sir,

(c) and (d) Project authorities have been asked to clear the outstanding payments expeditiously.

[English]

**Conversion of Manual Telephone Exchange at Junagarh into Auto Exchange**

3305. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to convert the manual telephone exchange at Junagarh in Gujarat into auto exchange ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far ; and

(c) when the auto exchange is likely to be established.

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

(b) A 4000 lines crossbar exchange is under installation and nearly two thirds of internal installation work has been completed.

(c) Auto exchange is likely to be commissioned by March, 1986.

[Translation]

**Setting up of Garbage-Based Plants for Generation of Power**

3306. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have set up any garbage-based plants for generation of power ;

(b) if so, the names of the places whether these plants have been set up ;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to set up such plants ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b) A plant for incineration of 300 MT of garbage and generation of 3.75 MWe is presently under installation at Timarpur : Delhi.

(c) Analysis of garbage for installation of garbage based plants in other cities for generation of power is in progress.

(d) Not applicable.

[English]

**Pricing of Essential Drugs**

3307. SHRI R.P. DAS : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government and Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices have made any study on pricing of essential drugs in view of formulation of a new Drug Policy ;

(b) if so, the salient feature of the study ; and

(c) if not, when the study will be made ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c) Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices has been conducting studies from time to time of the prices of bulk drugs and formulations. Government take note of these studies while taking decisions on pricing policy.