

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Bio-Gas and Improved Chullas in West Bengal

4700. DR. PHULRENU GUHA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent in West Bengal during Sixth Plan for bio-gas and improved chullas ; and

(b) the amount allotted for family size bio-gas and chullas for West Bengal during Seventh Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) The National Project for Biogas Development (NPBD) which caters to family based biogas plants, commenced in November, 1981, and the National Project for Improved Chulha (NPIC) was launched in December, 1983. A sum of Rs. 136.18 lakhs under NPBD, and Rs. 14.37 lakhs under NPIC were released to the state of West Bengal, during the Sixth Plan period.

(b) Statewise targets and release of funds are made on a year to year basis. During 1985-86, Rs. 105.24 lakhs and Rs. 35.70 lakhs have been sanctioned to the state of West Bengal under NPBD and NPIC, respectively.

Transmission losses of Electricity

4701. SHRI D.B. PATIL : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any steps have been taken in 1985-86 to reduce transmission losses of electricity ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether these steps have resulted in reducing transmission loss ;

(d) if so, to what extent ; and

(e) whether does our country stand in comparison to other countries in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (d). Detailed guidelines have been issued to the State Electricity Boards for reduction of transmission and distribution losses. A Pilot Project for loss minimisation in 11 KV feeders has also been taken up. The effectiveness of the steps to reduce transmission and distribution losses would be known when power consumption accounts for the year 1985-86 are available and compiled by the respective power authorities.

(e) The transmission and distribution losses in our country are higher in comparison to most of the advanced countries.

Paper Mills in Orissa

4702. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of paper mills set up in Orissa ;

(b) the location of each of these paper mills ;

(c) the number of mills managed by Government and the number of those under private management ; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d). The details of the units set up in the State of Orissa in the organised sector for manufacture of paper and paper board are given below :

Sl. No.	Name of the Unit	Location	Annual installed capacity
1	2	3	4
1.	M/s. Orient Paper Mills	Brijrajnagar	76,000
2.	M/s. Titagrarh Paper Mills Ltd.	Chowdwar	18,000
3.	M/s. Straw Products Ltd.	Rayagada	50,500
4.	M/s. Konarak Paper & Industries Ltd.	Mayurbhanj Distt.	4,800
5.	M/s. Emani Paper Mills Ltd.	Balasore Distt.	6,500
6.	M/s. Sewa Paper Mills	Koraput Distt.	25,000

All the above mills are under private management.

Telephone Connections in Orissa

4703. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of telephone connections given by his Ministry in different parts of the country in 1984-85 and 1985-86 ;

(b) the number of telephone connections provided in different districts of Orissa in the above two years ;

(c) how many applicants are still on the waiting lists for telephone connections in Orissa ; and

(d) the steps taken to clear the backlog ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The number of telephone connections given in Telephone Districts and Telecom. Circles in the country in 1984-85 and 1985-86 (upto 31st January, 86) is given in the statement-I given below.

(b) The number of Telephone connections provided in different districts of Orissa in above two years is given in Statement-II given below.

(c) The number of applicants on the waiting list for telephone connections in Orissa as on 29.3.86 is 3963.

(d) There are proposals to open new Telephone Exchanges and to expand the existing ones, wherever feasible to clear the present waiting list depending on the availability of resources.