

(c) whether Government are aware that there is great discontentment among the people of these backward areas against the proposed step ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) One departmental Sub-post office in Dehradun Division and one extra departmental branch post office in Pithoragarh Division may be closed. However, no final decision in this regard has been taken.

(c) No, Sir. There are no reports to that effect. Moreover, since the matter is only at the consideration stage and concerns only two post offices in a large area, there is no occasion for great resentment among the people.

Thermal, hydel and atomic power generation in U.P.

8269. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the estimate of additional power (in megawatts) to be generated in Uttar Pradesh in the field of thermal, hydel and atomic power separately during the Seventh Five Year Plan and the nature of assistance proposed to be provided by the Union Government to the State Govt. for this purpose during this plan period;

(b) whether this additional power is sufficient to meet the power requirement of the State; and

(c) if not, the alternative arrangements Government propose to make to make up this shortage ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) A total capacity addition of 1794 MW comprising 304 MW from hydro plants and 1490 MW from thermal plants is envisaged during the Seventh Plan period in Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh has a share in Singrauli Super Thermal Power Station which is in operation. The State will also have share in some other Central Sector Projects

which will get commissioned during the Seventh Plan period.

(b) Based on the demand assessment of the Twelfth Power Survey, Uttar Pradesh is likely to be deficit in power by the end of the Seventh Plan period.

(c) In order to reduce the gap between demand and supply, a number of measures have been initiated. These inter-alia include the setting up of gas-based combined cycle power plants in the Northern Region, improving the performance of thermal power plants through the renovation and modernisation of power stations, and reduction of transmission and distribution losses.

[English]

Establishment of cement plants during Seventh Plan

8270. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA :
SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cement plants in public sector and in private sector functioning in the country and the annual production capacity of cement in each of those plants;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the plants are not functioning properly and those are not utilising their full capacity, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of cement plants in public sector or in private sector under construction and when those are likely to start functioning;

(d) the present requirement of cement in the country annually and the estimated production of cement annually;

(e) whether there is any proposal to establish more cement plants in the country in the public sector during the Seventh Plan period; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The position regarding large cement units in production as on 1.4.86 was as follows :

	Number	Capacity (lakh tonnes p.a.)
1. Public Sector	19	78.75
2. Private Sector	62	340.45

[Translation]

Interest rate on deposits made for Telephone connection.

8271. SHRI BANWARI LAL BAI-RWA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in some of the exchanges in Delhi telephone connections are readily available under OYT category whereas telephone connections are not available under general and special categories;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the interest paid by Government on the money deposited by the registered persons and when these rates of interest were prescribed;

(d) whether Government propose to enhance the rates of interest as applicants have to wait for 5 to 10 years for a telephone connection; and

(e) whether there are some persons who could not be provided with telephone connections even after waiting for 20 years; if so, the reasons therefor;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Telephone connections under 'OYT' 'General' and 'Special categories

are released at prescribed percentages which are at present 40%, 40% and 20% respectively. The demand of telephones in OYT category in some exchanges is less than in General and Special categories. Therefore, telephone connections in those exchanges under OYT category are readily available.

(c) The advance deposit for new telephone connections carries an interest for the period commencing on the date of deposit and ending with the date immediately preceding the date of installation of the telephone connection at the same rate payable by the State Bank of India on fixed deposits made for a period of one year and the interest is calculated for the completed number of months at the rate in force on the date of deposit. The above mentioned rate of interest payable has been in effect since 5.9.75.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

Opening of new telephone exchanges in Tonk district Rajasthan.

8272. SHRI BANWARI LAL BAI-RWA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the district-wise and category-wise demand of telephones in Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government propose to open new telephone exchanges to meet this demand; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the places in Tonk district where new telephone exchanges are proposed to be opened ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) :

(a) The District-wise and category-wise demand of telephones in Rajasthan as on 28.2.1986 is given in the statement given below.

(b) There are proposals to open new telephone exchanges and to expand the