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**STD telephone service in Jhunjhunu area**

1571. SHRI MODH. AYUB KHAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which STD telephone service will start operating in Jhunjhunu area; and

(b) the time by which the new telephone exchange building at jhunjhunu which was under construction is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) S.T.D. Telephone service in Jhunjhunu is expected to start operating towards the end of 7th plan.

(b) The new telepone exchange building at Jhunjhunu is likely to be completed during 1986-87.

[English]

**Deterioration of telecommunication services in Orissa**

1572. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the deterioration in telecommunication services in Orissa;

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

(c) the steps taken to improve the telecommunication services in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). The telecommunication services in Orissa are generally working satisfactorily. However, there was some temporary dislocation due to natural calamities like rains, storms and some man-made faults due to the digging activities by PWD and Electricity Department.

(c) The following steps are being taken to further improve the Telephone services in Orissa :

(i) Overhead alignments are being replaced by underground cables.

(ii) District Headquarters are being connected to the capital cities through various transmission systems for improvement of long distance communication.

(iii) Trunk automatic exchange will be installed at Cuttack.

(iv) Supervision and inspection are being tightened.

**Setting up of paper mill in Anamali and Valparai area**

1573. SHRI R. ANNANAMBI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is heavy growth of bamboo trees in the forests of Anamali and Valparai area; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration to set up a paper mill in this area with a view to utilise forest products as well as to provide employment opportunities to people of these areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b). The information sought is specific to certain areas in the State of Tamil Nadu. Hence exact information about availability of adequate forest raw material on a sustained basis to support an integrated pulp and paper mill in those areas is not available. As on 1.1.1986, there are 15 mills in the State of Tamil Nadu with an annual installed capacity of 1.77 lakh tonnes. An additional capacity of 1,58,430 tonnes has been approved by way of Industrial Licences, Letters of Intent and Registration with DGTD, which is under various stages of implementation. The Central Government