

about the past supplies, such evaluation with plant visits wherever necessary in association with consultants help the assessment of performance.

Loans for Construction of Kolaghat Thermal Power Plant Units at Midnapore (West Bengal)

8986. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts have been made to secure loans for the construction of units IV, V and VI of Kolaghat Thermal Power Plant at Midnapore, West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) and (b). The term lending institutions, including the Industrial Development Bank of India, and a consortium of Banks led by the State Bank of India have agreed, as a special case, to provide a loan assistance of Rs. 232 crores to finance a part of the project cost of the Kolaghat Thermal Power Plant (Phase-II) being executed by the West Bengal Power Development Corporation.

[Translation]

Automatic Telephone Exchange System in Haridwar and Deoband

8987. SHRI RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the building is ready for shifting the Automatic Telephone Exchange in Roorkee town;

(b) if so, the likely date of the shifting of the exchange to new building; and

(c) the time by which facility of auto-

matic telephone system will be made available in Haridwar and Deoband?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply at (a) above.

(c) Automatic telephone exchange at Haridwar is planned to be commissioned during 1991-92.

Automatic telephone exchange is already existing at Deoband.

Direct Telephone/Telex Link between Baroda-Halol, Baroda-Ankaleswar and Ahmedabad-Surendranagar

8988. SHRI RANJITSINGH GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that telephone facility available within the radius of 40 to 80 K.M. from the main industrialised cities like Baroda and Ahmedabad to the suburban industrial complexes is inadequate and direct telephone/telex link between these centres is needed; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide direct telephone/telex link between Baroda-Halol, Baroda-Ankaleswar and Ahmedabad-Surendranagar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) 3 channel and 8 channel carrier systems are functioning between Baroda and Halol. A second 8 channel system is under installation.

(ii) Interstice cable system is provided between Baroda and Ankleswar..