

	1	2	3	4	5
OPERATION					
9. Fault Rate (No. of faults per 100 stations per month)		30	29	Improvement of 3.3%	27.5
10. Call completion Rate per STD calls (Test calls to free Telephones)		31.6	44.9	142	47.0

Tyres Production

8990. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the indigenous production of tyres is not enough to meet the increasing demand;

(b) if so, what is the estimated demand, the production capacity in different manufacturing units and the actual production at the end of 1986; and

(c) if there is a shortfall in the production, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). The present installed and approved capacity of automotive tyres in the country is considered adequate to meet the demand of indigenous requirement of tyres till the end of VII Five Plan. The production of tyres in the year 1986 was higher than that in 1985 despite the closure of two units from October 1986 onwards.

Communication System between Delhi and Leh

8991. SHRI P. NAMGYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether lately the satellite telephone link between Delhi and Leh has started breaking down frequently; and

(b) if so, the reasons for frequent break-downs and steps taken to improve the communications between Leh and Delhi?

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

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

Modernisation of Coal Mining Industry

8992. SHRI P.R.S. VENKATESAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken during 1986-87 to modernise the coal mining industry and the cost thereof;

(b) the increase in production achieved thereby; and

(c) the details of modernisation schemes to be taken up during 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). The measures taken in 1986-87 to modernise the mining activities, inter-alia, include improvement of production capacity by investment in reorganisation of existing mines, opening of new mines and augmentation of infrastructural facilities and support services. The capital expenditure on