

osal to set up some more telephone exchanges in Orissa in 1987-88; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) 33.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It has been planned to open in Orissa 25 new small exchanges of 25 lines capacity, subject to demand.

Growth of Installed Power Generation Capacity

9128. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance regarding growth of installed power generation capacity has been satisfactory as per target fixed by Government during the second year of the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, to what extent it has been higher than the target fixed for the first year of the Seventh Plan; and

(c) if not, the steps taken to reach the targets fixed according to Plan, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). During 1986-87, the second year of the Seventh Five Year Plan, power generation capacity aggregating to 2624.5 MW was added against a target of 3396.5 MW. During 1985-86, the first year of the Seventh Plan period, total power generation capacity of 4223 MW had been added against a target of 4459.5 MW.

(c) Various measures have been taken to

avoid any shortfall in the induction of the targetted capacity which include regular monitoring of the projects by the Central Electricity Authority, efforts to expedite supply of equipment and materials, visits to project sites by engineers of the Central Electricity Authority to resolve problems and organising review meetings of agencies concerned to coordinate project implementation. The need to obviate time and cost over runs in project implementation is also being constantly emphasised on State Authorities.

Visit of Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. Team to West Germany

9129. DR. V. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Starred Question No. 380 on 24th March 1987 regarding visit of a team of Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited to West Germany and state:

(a) what was the trend of discussion of the team with M/s Rheinbraun Consulting of West Germany on the question of safety check programmes for opencast mining;

(b) whether the consultant was also associated on technical matters of the two bucket wheel excavators earlier supplied to NLC by the WMI Cranes Limited and M/s MAN of West Germany;

(c) whether the consultant had also submitted the report on the cause of accident of said bucket wheel excavators;

(d) if so, the entire details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to ensure that the advice of the Rheinbraun Consulting of West Germany is implemented?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The discussions of Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Neyveli Lignite Corporation with M/s Rheinbraun Consulting on the question of safety check programmes covered maintenance practices, inspections etc. Follow-