

(a) the names of towns in Muzaffarnagar district where STD facility has been provided; and

(b) the names of towns where this facility is proposed to be provided during the next Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Muzaffarnagar town in Muzaffarnagar district has been provided with STD facility.

(b) During 8th Plan Budhana, Jansath, Kairana and Shamli towns are being considered for STD facility

[*English*]

#### Export of Electronic Items

1893 SHRIMATIKISHORISINHA Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of electronic items has not been increasing in terms of foreign exchange earnings,

(b) if so, the growth rate of electronic items exported in 1988-89;

(c) whether several associations of industries have been given memorandum regarding promotion of export of electronic items; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The exports of electronics goods during last three years are as follows:

*Rs. Crores*

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1986-87	258
1987-88	343
1988-89	520

Growth rate of Electronics Exports during 1988-89 was 51.6%.

(c) and (d) Suggestions were sought from electronics industries Association for promotion of exports. These have been taken into account while drafting the Eighth Plan for Electronics Exports.

[*Translation*]

#### Increase in the number of Public Telephones

1894 DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Call Offices in the country at present;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the number thereof in view of the population of the country; and

(c) if so, the details of the programme in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) There are nearly 53,500 local and 27,300 long Distance Public telephones in the country as on 31.3.1989.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) More than 18,000 local and 3000 long distance Public telephones are expected to be provided during the year 1989-90.