MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Utilisation of capacity in the industry at present is about 75 per cent.

- (c) and (d). Expansion of existing units to achieve economic viability is being encouraged. Keeping in view anticipated demand build-up at the end of the Seventh Plan.
- (b) A statement is given below.

Statement

Production/Demand of tyres (Lakh Nos.)

Year	Installed capacity	Giant	Car	M/cycle	Scooter	ADV	Tractor	OTR	Aero	Moped	Total
1983	113.45	44.49	10.91	7.08	19.02	4.96	7.81	0.15	0.17	2.93	97.56
		41.95	11.55	8.96	23.94	4.87	7.38	0.	35	12.03	
1984	136.44	46.12	13.31	8.60	24.16	4.56	9.19	0.15	0.14	3.72	109.95
		44.83	11.93	10.40	27.07	5.36	10.03	0.	38	14.78	

Increase in Price of life Saving Medicines

1057. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the OPPI representing the foreign companies has proposed to Government that there should be no price control on drugs;
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that since the announcement of New Drug Policy, the prices of the number of essential life saving medicines have gone up and are beyond the capacity of the common man?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Government have not received any such proposal.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The prices of price controlled bulk drugs and formulations continue to be regulated under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

Shortage of Mail Vans in West Bengal

1058. SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOSSAIN: Will the Minister of COMMU-

NICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that there is a shortage of mail vans and cash vans in West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the number of such vans required there; and
- (c) when P and T department would be able to purchase these vans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir. There is no shortage of mail vans and cash vans and fleets strength is as per sanction.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Does not arise.

Import of Electronic Telephone Exchange from Japan

1059. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of COM-MUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the buildings of a number of proposed Electronic (Automatic) Exchange at District Headquarters have already been completed but the Exchanges are yet to be installed as they are still to be imported from Japan and other countries;

- (b) if so, the names of such District Headquarters, Circle-wise and the likely date by which the Exchanges would be (i) imported (ii) installed and (iii) commissioned and the reasons for delay alongwith other details like the total number of exchanges being imported and the cost of each one of them;
- (c) whether any effort is being made to utilise the intervening period of delay to build up telecom, channels to link these Exchanges/Circuits to the State Capitals by STD and the details thereof; and
 - (d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Out of a total of 50 Districts Headquarters having electronic exchange allotment. Buildings are; complete at 21 District Headquarters. Equipments are being imported from Japan.

(b) The circle-wise list of District Headquarters where buildings have already been completed is given in Statement-I.

- (i) The exchanges are being received progressively during January '86 to March' 86.
- (ii) & (iii) The exchanges are planned to be installed and commissioned during 1986-87. Delay is due to the fact that the cost of the equipment quoted by various firms was very high. It was therefore decided to call for fresh tenders. The total number of exchanges being imported are 68. The approximate equipment cost is 20 lakhs and 30 lakhs for 400 exchange and 600 line line exchange respectively.
- (c) The list of works in progress for building up Telecom Channels to link these exchanges with State Capitals for STD facilities is given in Statement-II.
 - (d) Not applicable in view of (c).

Statement-I

List of Electronic Exchanges of 400/600 capacity

SI. No.	Name of Circle	Name of place where exchange to be installed.	No. of lines	Land	Buildings
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Bihar	1. Dumka	400	Available	Not started
		2. Hajipur	400	-do-	Under const.
		3. Madhubani	400	-do-	Available
		4. Nawadah	400	-do-	Not started
		5. Purnea	600	-do-	Available
•	J & K	6. Kathua	400	-do-	Not started
	Madhya Pradesh	7. Betul	400	-do-	Available
		8. Datia	400	-do-	-do-
		9. Dhar	400		-do-
		10. Khargone	400	Available	Under const.
		11. Mandla	400	-do-	-do-

1	2	3	4	5	6 .
	•	12. Shajapur	400	Available	Under const.
		13. Tikamgarh	400	-do-	-do-
		14. Ambikapur	600	-	Available
		15. Balaghat	600		-do-
	`\	16. Bhind	600	Available	Under const.
		17. Guna	600		Available
		18. Shivpuri	600		-do-
4.	North East	19. Halflong	600	Available	Not started
		29. Lungleh	400	-do-	-do-
5.	North West	21. Bilaspur	400		Available
		22. Hamirpur	400		-do-
		23. Nahan	400	Available	Under const.
		24. Una	400		Available
		25. Chamba	600	Available	Not started
		26. Kulu	600	-	Available
6.	Orissa	27. Keonjhar	600		Available
		28. Koraput	400	Available	Not started
		29. Phulbani	400	-do-	Under const.
		30. Sundergarh	400		Available
		31. Baripada	600	-	-do-
		32. Dhenkanal	600	_	-do-
		33. Chhatur Pur	400	_	-do-
7.	Rajasthan	34. Dungarpur	400	Available	Under const.
		35. Jalore	400	-do-	Not started
		36. Jaisalmer	400	-do-	-do-
		37. Jhalawar	400	-do-	-do-
		38. Sawvi Madhopur	400	-do-	Under const.
		39. Sirohi	400	-do-	Not started
		40. Tonk	400	-do-	Under const.
		41. Bundi	600	-do-	-do-
		42. Jhun Jhunu	600	-do-	Not started
8.	Uttar Pradesh	43. Fatehpur	400	Available	Not started
		44. Gazipur	400		Available

43	Written Answers		JULY 30, 1985	#	Written Answers	
1	2	3	4	5	6	
		45. Lalitpur	400	Available	Not 'started	
		46. Pauri	400	******	Available	
		47. Pithoragarh	400	Available	Not started	
		48. Orai	400	-do-	-do-	
		49. Sultanpur	600	9- man	Available	
		50. Banda	600	Available	Not started	
	Building	available-21. U	Jnder Construction	on-12. N	Not yet started-17.	
	Tot	al: 50				

Statement-II

List of work in Progress for Building up Telecom. Channels.

Microwave Schemes

Following are the District Hqrs. where microwave schemes have been planned, which are in various stages.

State	Distt. Headquarters
Andhra Prades	Kothenagudem
Bihar	Dumka.
Kerala	Kalpatta
Madhya-Pradesh	Ambikapur
Orissa	Koraput, Dhenkanal
Rajasthan	Jhun Jhunu
Uttar Pradesh	Gazipur
West Bengal	Alipur Dwar
Coaxial Schemes	
Madhya Pradesh	Shivpuri, Guna
Rajasthan	Jaisalmer, Sirohi

UHF Scheme

Following is the position regarding status of UHF media planned for the District.

Headquarters.

Sl. No.			Name of UHF Scheme	UHF Media Availability
1	2		3	4
1.	Dumka	(Bihar)	Asansol—Dumka	Towards the end of 7th
				Plan.
2.	Hajipur	-do-	Patna — Hajipur	Before mid of 7th Plan.

1	2.	3	4
3.	Madhubani -do-	Darbangha — Madhubani	Existing.
4.	Nawadha -do-	Bihar Sherif—Nawada	End of 7th Plan.
5.	Purnea -do-	Katihar — Purnea	Before middle of 7th Plan.
6	Kathua J&K	Pathankot — Kathua	-do-
7.	Betul (Madhya Pradesh)	Itarsi — Betul	Towards the end of 7th Plan.
8.	Dhar -do-	Indore—Dhar	-do-
9.	Khargone -do-	Indore—Khargone	-do-
10.	Mandla -do-	Mandla—Jabalpur	-do-
11.	Shajapur -do-	Indore — Shajapur	-do-
12.	Balaghat -do-	Balaghat — Gendia	During 7th Plan.
13.	Bhind -do-	Gwalior —Bhind	-do-
14.	Guna -do-	Rajgarh—Guna	Towards end of 7th Plan.
15.	Harsong N.E.	Silchar—Harsong	Existing.
16.	Lungleh -do-	Aizwal — Lungleh	During 7th Plan period.
17.	Billaspur N.W.	Chandigarh—Bilaspur	Existing.
18.	Hamirpur N.W.	Jullandhur—Hamirpur	During the 7th Plan.
19.	Nahan -do-	Ambala—Nahan	-do-
20.	Chamba -do-	Dalhausie — Chamba	End of 7th Plan.
21.	Koraput Orissa	Lakhimpur — Koraput	During 7th Plan.
22.	Baripada -do-	Balasore — Baripada	End of 7th Plan.
23.	Dugarpur Rajasthan	Banswara — Dungarpur	During 7th Plan.
24.	Jalore -do-	Jalore — Sirohi	End of 7th Plan.
25.	Jhalawar Rajasthan	Kota — Jhalawar	-do-
26.	Sawai -do- Madhopur	Jaipur—Sawai Madhopur	-do-
27.	Tonk -do- Rajasthan	Jaipur—Tonk Rajasthan	-do-
28.	Jhun Jhunu -do-	Churu — Jhun Jhunu	-do-
29.	Pithoragarh U.P.	Bareilly—Pithoragarh	During 7th Plan.
30.	Oria U.P.	Kanpur—Orai	-do-
31.	Sultanpur U.P.	Partapgarh Sultanpur	End of 7th Plan.
32.	Banda U.P.	Hamirpur — Banda	-do-