

(a) the names of places (State-wise) where the Indian Telephone Industries have units at present, and are under construction;

(b) the names of places where such units will be set up in the near future;

(c) whether there is any proposal to start one such unit of ITI in Orissa and the constraints; if any; and

(d) the action taken by Government to represent all the States in the ITI map instead of opening several units at particular places ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). There are five units of Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) located at Bangalore in Karnataka, Naini and Rae Bareli in Uttar Pradesh, Palghat in Kerala and Srinagar in J & K. Another unit of Indian Telephone Industries is coming up at Mankapur in Gonda District of U. P. which will manufacture Electronic Exchange Equipment. It has been decided, in principle, to set up the second ESS factory unit at Bangalore in Karnataka under ITI.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The location of the new units of the ITI is decided keeping in view the infrastructural facilities available at various places and the need for dispersal of industries in various part of the country.

[Translation]

#### Telephone Service in Sagar (M.P.)

1075. SHRI NANDIAL CHOUDHARY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that telephone service in Sagar (M.P.) is not satisfactory and many a time telephones do not work and the dial tone is missing;

(b) if so, the reasons for unsatisfactory and disordered telephone system; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken for improving the telephone system there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir. Telephone service in Sagar (M.P.) is working generally satisfactory.

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

(c) The following measures are being taken to improve the service further :

(i) Subscriber loops are being replaced by drop wire.

(ii) To reduce overhead alignments underground cables are being laid.

(iii) Flooding of cable tranches before they are closed.

(iv) Use of jelly filled cables in distribution network.

(v) Indian crossbar type 2000 lines exchange is being planned to replace the existing exchange.

(vi) Spacial testing of internal equipment of the exchange.

(vii) Inspections and maintenance routines are being tightened.

[English]

#### Alternative Proposal for Financial aid to Mini Cement Plants

1076. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received financial aid from Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) for mini cement plants in the country;

(b) whether the Bank has recently suspended the aid;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of proposal Government have to finance these mini cement plants in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COM-