

(b) if so, the programme undertaken for this purpose; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to manufacture these equipments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. We have plans to cover jungle areas by Multi-access Radio relay systems in very high Frequency (VHF) range.

(b) 9000 Long Distance Public Telephones have been proposed to be provided in the country including jungle areas with Multi-access Radio relay systems during 7th Plan. However, this will depend upon the Technical feasibility and availability of resources.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Rehabilitation of Displaced Persons of Mig Factory at Sunabeda in Koraput (Orissa)

1179. **SHRI K. PRADHANI :** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have rehabilitated all the displaced persons of Mig factory at Sunabeda in Koraput by now;

(b) if not, how many persons have been rehabilitated and how many have not been rehabilitated so far;

(c) the nature of rehabilitation; and

(d) whether any of those persons have been employed ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) to (d). According to HAL, out of a total of 397 displaced persons, 86 have been employed by the Company directly in semi-skilled/unskilled jobs. The remaining 311 have been employed by the contractors to the Company, on work connected with sanitation, material handling, construction, etc.

Expansion of Mig Factory at Sunabeda, Orissa

1180. **SHRI K. PRADHANI :** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to expand Mig factory at Sunabeda in Koraput (Orissa);

(b) the nature of expansion;

(c) the time by which the expansion is likely to take place; and

(d) the employment prospects, if any, after the expansion ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) to (d). The facilities at the Koraput Division of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for the manufacture and overhaul of aero-engines are being augmented, by way of additions to the plant and machinery, civil works and services. The programme will be completed in about 3 years. The expansion programme does not envisage any significant increase in the manpower.

Purchase of Oil Rigs

1181. **SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER :** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of oil digging rigs purchased since January 1985 from abroad;•

(b) the details of the countries who supplied oil rigs;

(c) the amount of foreign exchange paid; and

(d) if not purchased so far, whether there is any proposal to purchase them from abroad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (c). The Oil and Natural Gas Commission placed an order in March, 1985 on M/s Ingersoll Rand, USA for the purchase of one mobile drilling rig at a cost of US\$ 1,607,178.

(d) Oil India Limited proposes to purchase 3 land rigs from abroad. Oil and Natural Gas Commission has floated two tenders for the purchase of 8 land rigs.

Post Offices in Bangalore City in Rented Buildings

1182. **SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of post offices in Bangalore City running in rented buildings;

(b) the amount paid by the Department every month towards rent;

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide own buildings for all post offices in Bangalore City; and

(d) if the State Government agrees to provide land and other facilities, whether the Department would take steps to construct new buildings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) 198 (One hundred and ninety-eight only).

(b) Rs. 1,24,591 (One lakh twenty four thousand five hundred and ninety-one only).

(c) Departmental buildings are constructed in a phased manner subject to availability of sites and funds and actual need for having departmental buildings.

(d) Department takes steps to construct departmental buildings subject to availability of funds and actual need to have departmental buildings.

Malfunctioning of Nagpur Telephones

1183. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that working of the Nagpur telephones is deteriorating day by day;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of telephone consumers at Nagpur are criticising the functioning of Nagpur telephones;

(c) whether Government propose to make a thorough investigation into the alleged malfunctioning of the Nagpur Telephones; and

(d) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir. Telephone services of Nagpur Telephone system is working generally satisfactory. However, working of one exchange out of four i. e. Itwari telephone exchange had deteriorated in summer due to equipment trouble and staff absenteeism.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). Investigations were made and Divisional Engineer and Assistant Engineer were transferred. The equipment was attended to on priority and now the telephone exchange is working satisfactorily.

Rebate to Telephone Subscribers in Respect of Wrong Calls

1184. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any suggestion has been received by the Union Government to give suitable rebate to the telephone subscribers in respect of wrong number calls;

(b) whether the Union Government have considered this suggestion;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to old equipments in the Nagpur Telephone Exchange, the problems of wrong number calls, etc. are increasing;

(d) whether Government propose to change the existing Nagpur Telephone Exchange, into Electronic Exchange; and

(e) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) : Yes Sir; suggestions have been received from various quarters from time to time. A study was undertaken at different places. Instances of such calls have been found to be less than 0.8 per cent of total calls. Grant of rebate for such calls is, therefore, warranted.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Project estimate for 10,000 lines E-10B electronic exchange has been sanc-