

(3) Ottapalan, Kunnankulam, Pathanam, Thitta, Tirur, Parur will be expanded by 100 lines each.

(4) 13 new small exchanges are proposed to be opened.

(5) 50 small exchanges will be expanded.

(6) Telex exchange will be opened at Shertalai and Palghat.

(7) 1000 lines Trunk Automatic Exchanges will be commissioned at Calicut.

(8) Coaxial system will be commissioned between Muvathupuzah and Thodupuza.

(9) 60 channel Microwave system will be commissioned between Idukki and Munnar.

(10) Cable carrier system will be commissioned between Granganor and Irinjalakuda.

(11) 24 channel VFT will be installed between Coimbatore and Ernakulam.

(b) Outlay for 1985-86 for Kerala is Rs. 15.09 crores.

Collaboration in Food Items with Foreign Companies

4279. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have reconsidered the sphere of collaboration with foreign companies in the field of food items; and

(b) if so, the steps contemplated by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of Life Saving Drugs by Big Companies

4280. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that with a view to have better availability of drugs in the country more drugs are required to be brought under the delicensing scheme, particularly the basic drugs;

(b) whether big companies manufacturing medicines will be made to produce as a compulsory measure some life saving drugs so that the patients do not suffer from shortages; and

(c) if so, when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c). Government have not finalised their views on the New Drug Policy. Government intend to announce the New Policy as soon as possible.

[Translation]

S.T.D. Service Facility between Delhi and Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan

4281. SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to start STD service between Delhi and Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The STD is planned to be introduced during the 7th Five Year Plan.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Setting up of Solar Thermal Power Generators in Rural Areas

4282. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :