

connected by telephone during the year 1984-85.

(b) The district-wise number of villages in West Bengal where plans for providing Long Distance Public Call Offices during 1985-86 have been finalised so far is as under.

Name of District	Number of LD PTs.
1. Bankura	7
2. Birbhum	2
3. Burdwan	7
4. Coochbehar	1
5. Darjeeling	3
6. Hooghly	4
7. Jalpaiguri	2
8. Malda	3
9. Midnapore	8
10. Murshidabad	8
11. 24 Parganas	3
Total	48

Modernisation of Car Industry and Creation of Fresh Capacity

4325. SHRI P. M. SAYEED :
SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE :
SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of proposals for the modernisation of car industry and creation of fresh capacity there-of are pending with Government;

(b) the details and number of those proposals which have already been cleared by Government during the last one year both with foreign collaboration and entirely indigenous; and

(c) the reasons for which the other proposals have been held up and the approximate time that is likely to be taken for coming to a decision ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (c). Four proposals for industrial licence and/or foreign collaboration for the manufacture of passenger cars received during the current financial year are under consideration of the Government.

(b) The proposal of Standard Motor Products of India Ltd. for expansion of car manufacturing capacity was approved during the last one year.

Complaints regarding Faulty Telephone System in Metropolitan Cities

4326. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been recurring complaints, particularly from metropolitan cities, regarding faulty working of the telephone system making it difficult to get correct local as well as trunk calls expeditiously; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to make the telephone system more efficient ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Some cases of repeated faults are reported sometimes.

(b) The steps being taken to improve the telephone service are given in the attached statement.

Statement

Improvements measures, long-term and short-term, contemplated to improve the telephone services :

1. Introduction of sophisticated electronic telephone exchanges to avoid problems inherent with electro-magnetic switching equipment used hitherto.
2. Replacement of life expired equipment.

3. Special testing of exchange equipment particularly inter exchange junctions is being undertaken to improve inter-exchange working.
4. Working of air-conditioning plants in various exchanges is being regularly monitored to ensure proper working.
5. Laying of new junction, primary and secondary cables in ducts to protect them from external damages.
6. Pressurisation of primary, secondary and junction cables to minimise cable break-down faults.
7. Use of jelly filled cables in the distribution network to prevent entry of water in the cables to avoid faults.
8. Cable trenches are being flooded before being closed so as to detect any damage during trenching or laying of the cables. The public is being asked to inform Delhi Telephones before they take up digging on 'dial before dig' service so as to keep liaison with other agencies who are engaged in digging.
9. Extensive patrolling of cable routes to detect any digging operations and to take precautionary measures to avoid damage to cables.
10. Provision of high grade junction circuits on Pulse Code Modulation, coaxial and microwave media to provide better quality and more dependable service.
11. Rehabilitation of subscribers' fittings and the D. P. boxes to minimise faults on the line.
12. Replacement of overhead wires by insulated drop wires to avoid faults due to kite strings, birds nests etc. which lead to contact or low insulation faults.
13. Use of improved telephone instruments.
14. Replacement of aluminium wires in the fittings at the subscribers premises by copper wires to avoid break faults.
15. Computerisation of cable records and fault repair service to bring down duration of faults.
16. Computerisation of Directory Assistance. (197) service and commercial records.
17. Computerisation operator assisted (180) trunk services.
18. Monitoring of the automanual service and trunk service is being carried out so as to ensure prompt response on these services.
19. Public grievance cells have been opened at General Manager's and Area Manager's offices to provide single outlet attention to the subscribers.

**Re-opening of Jyanti Khas
Colliery, Bihar**

4327. SHRI SALAHUDDIN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under the consideration of Government to re-open the Jyanti Khas Colliery under Jyantigram District Deogher (Bihar);

(b) if not, whether Government propose to make the survey thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) No, Sir,

(b) and (c). During exploration of Jayanti Khas Colliery which was taken over as a closed mine at the time of nationalisation, it was found that most of the coal seams had been worked out in the past by erstwhile owners and the area is heavily waterlogged.

Indian Engineering Goods Industry

4328. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :