

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.

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