

**Microwave telephone system in  
Koraput Orissa**

4371. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to extend microwave telephone system in Koraput district of Orissa;

(b) whether the work has been started at Koraput;

(c) if so, the progress of the work; and

(d) by what time it is expected to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Civil works are in progress.

(d) Koraput is expected to be linked to Vishakhapatnam through a narrow band Microwave link during 1988-89.

**Rise in Price of Toilet Soaps**

4373. SHRI SALEEM I SHERVANI :  
SHRI U. H. PATEL :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of multi-national companies manufacturing toilet soaps, their brand names, prices, weights and sizes and the changes made therein during the last five years;

(b) the number of Indian companies engaged in the manufacture of toilet soaps, their brand names, prices, weights and sizes and changes made therein during the last five years;

(c) whether Government have taken note of the frequent increase in prices of toilet soaps and simultaneous reduction in their size and weight;

(d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to curb this trend;

(e) whether Government propose to lay down any standard in terms of quality and quantity and also introduce price control; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (f). The information to the extent possible is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Subsidy on rice, wheat and sugar  
given to Kerala**

4374. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the food subsidy given by Government for the rice, wheat and sugar supplied to Kerala during 1984-85 and 1985-86;

(b) whether more rice, sugar and kerosene are proposed to be allotted for December, 1986; and

(c) if so, the quantity of each item ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) There is no subsidy on sugar. The amount of subsidy given on wheat and rice issue to Government of Kerala during 1984-85 and 1985-86 is as under :

|       | (Rs. in crores) |         |
|-------|-----------------|---------|
|       | 1984-85         | 1985-86 |
| Wheat | 12.49           | 17.74   |
| Rice  | 97.73           | 109.38  |

(b) and (c). The allotment of rice, sugar and kerosene for the month of December, 1986 is as follows :

|          | (Figures in Tonnes) |  |
|----------|---------------------|--|
| Rice     | 1,25,000            |  |
| Sugar    | 11,225              |  |
| Kerosene | 19,312              |  |