

**Employment to Persons Displaced by  
Marankhand Copper Project**

5091. SHRI VISHWESHVAR BHAGAT:  
Will the Minister of WELFARE OF MINES be  
pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons displaced  
due to the commissioning of Malankhand  
Copper Project;

(b) whether all the land oustees have  
been provided employment; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the  
time by which the employment is likely to be  
provided to all of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM  
SINGH YADAV): (a) About 720 persons  
were displaced due to commissioning of  
Malankhand Copper Project.

(b) So far 704 land oustees have been  
provided employment by the Company.

(c) Employment could not be provided  
so far to the remaining land oustees due to  
some pending litigation. Employment such  
oustees can be provided by the Company  
after the pending litigation is settled and  
genuine claimants identified.

[English]

**Expansion of Telecom Network**

5092. SHRI D. VENKATESWAR  
RAO:  
SHRI ANANTRAO  
DESHMUKH:  
SHRI R. SURENDER  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has worked out  
a five point strategy for expansion of telecom  
net-work;

(b) the time by which the final decision  
is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(c) the initial requirement of funds during  
the first year of the Eight Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI  
P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). The  
department has not worked out any five point  
strategy for expansion of telecom. network,  
however, approved 8th five year plan  
proposals (1992-97) Envisage:-

(i) Addition of 75 lakh new telephone  
lines.

(ii) Addition of 31200 telex lines.

(iii) Provision of Gram Panchayat  
telephone to all Gram Panchayat villages by  
1.4.95.

(iv) Public call offices for every 100  
households in urban areas.

(v) Highway telephone on national  
highways.

(vi) Provision of STD to all exchanges by  
1.4.97.

(vii) Value-added services like Cellular  
mobile, Voice-mail, Audio-conferencing &  
Video-conferencing to be provided mainly  
on the basis of franchise. Subject to availability  
of resources.

(c) The Planning Commission has  
approved an outlay of Rs. 4500 crores for the  
telecom services for the annual plan (1992-  
93) against the projected requirements of  
Rs. 5200 crores.