

switching equipments and telephone instruments by the Indian Telephone Industries Limited during last three years has been as indicated be do;

Switching Equipments in Kilo Lines

1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
982.3	952.5	1095.7

Telephone Instruments in Kilo Nos.

1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
689.1	777.8	517.4

(b) The number of new (net) telephone connections provided in the monitored sector during the last three years are given below:-

1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
1,93, 952	2,16, 368	3,20, 830

Doordarshan/Air Station at Bareilly

4604. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1737 on December 2, 1991 and state:

(a) the details of the progress made so far for up Doordarshan/AIR Station at Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the time by which these are likely to become functional?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRJAVYAS): (a) and (b). Whereas the High Power TV Transmitter at Bareilly has already been commissioned into regular service on 27.11.92, the Programme Generation Facility (PGF) Centre at Bareilly has also been made technically ready. It will be commissioned after the requisite manpower to run the centre becomes available. The Radio Station at Bareilly is scheduled to be commissioned in the near future.

[*Translation*]

Tourist Routes in Uttar Pradesh

4605. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:
MAJ. GEN. (RETD.)
BHUWAN CHANDRA
KHANDURI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for special financial assistance for the development of the Yamunotri-Gangotri and Badrinath-Kedarnath routes and to improve the facilities for tourists on these routes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which assistance is likely to be provided and the details of assistance; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Government of Uttar Pradesh have submitted proposals for setting up of tourist complexes at Helang and August Muni and tented accommodation at Nand-Prayag, Piplikoti and Srinagar. The proposal for tented accommodation has been sanctioned.

(c) and (d). No time frame can be indicated for providing financial assistance. as the proposals need to be examined on basis of their merits and inter-se priorities.

[English]

Programme for Children on Air

4606. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHARS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Radio is broadcasting a special programme for children;

(b) if so, the States selected for the broadcasting of the special programme for children;

(c) whether the Government propose to introduce special programme for children from all AIR Stations in the Karnataka State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). All India Radio has set up special units in Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Gujarat and West Bengal for the production of special children's programmes in the main language of that region.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Harnessing of Waste Power at I.P. Estate

46J7. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the course of generation of power through gas at gas turbine units at I.P. thermal power station, a large quantity of heat is going waste;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to harness this heat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). It has been decided to instal 3X34.07 MW Waste Heat Recovery Units for generating electricity from the exhaust gases coming out of the existing 6X30 MW Gas Turbines of DESU. The work on the Project has already started.

Production of Iron Ore

4608. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH:
SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the total production and consumption of iron ore during the last three years till October 1992;

(b) the total quantum out of total exported during the above period;

(c) whether the National Mineral Development Corporation has prepared any plan to increase the iron ore production from