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MADHYA PRADESH:				
2.	Gwalior Combined Cycle Gas Turbine Project (200 MW)	6-7/93	0.75 MCMD	This scheme is lieu of the earlier scheme of 817 MW returned to the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board in September, 1992 as no surplus gas is available along HBJ pipeline for supply of gas for new schemes as per the projections of availability and demand of gas indicated by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas. Presently, the plant is proposed to be operated on Naphtha till gas becomes available. The scheme has not been given techno-economic clearance by the CEA as none of the essential inputs/clearances have been tied up.

Feasibility Report*VISIT OF KING OF SWEDEN****515. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:
SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH:**

Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the King of Sweden visited India recently;

(b) if so, the bilateral and multilateral issues discussed during his talks with Indian leaders and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken up any proposals with that country for the increased bilateral economic cooperation, joint initiatives for the global disarmament and for working to check terrorism; and

(d) if so, the response of the Swedish Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The King of Sweden paid a State visit to India from 10—18 October 1993.

(b) In the margins of the State visit, talks were held between the accompanying Swedish Foreign Minister and EAM. Views were exchanged on regional developments in Europe and South Asia, disarmament issues, terrorism and human rights. The talks resulted in greater understanding of each other's concerns and perspective. Prospects for enhancing bilateral economic relations have also improved as a result of the interaction between the accompanying high-level Swedish business delegation and their Indian counterparts.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN METRO CITIES

516. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the Minister of **COMMUNICATIONS** be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons in the waiting list for new telephone connections

in the four metropolitan cities during last three years, otherwise :

(b) the yearwise number of connections released during this period ; and

(c) the time schedule fixed for clearing the waiting lists ?

Cities

Bombay

Delhi

Calcutta

Madras

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Total number of persons in the waiting of four Metro cities

are given below yearwise for 3 years

Cities	Waiting as on		
	31-3-91	31-3-92	31-3-93
Bombay	231373	213470	210867
Delhi	297146	317143	340360
Calcutta	41170	43917	66295
Madras	73233	91509	109352

(b) Yearwise working connection released are as given below :

Cities

Bombay

Delhi

Calcutta

Madras

Cities	Connections provided during		
	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Bombay	46260	92125	107168
Delhi	62009	84710	83558
Calcutta	10184	15544	26208
Madras	13753	12177	21979

(c) As per 8th plan objective the waiting period for telephone connections is to be reduced to two years in large telephone system and telephone practically on demand in rural and tribal areas by the end of 8th Plan (92—97). The exchanges are being planned to meet the above objective accordingly.

HIGH LEVIES ON STEEL

517. SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH:
Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether secondary steel electric arc furnace industry of the country has been adversely affected on account of high levies on inputs and rise in the cost of imported steel scrap ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to revive/recover the financial viability of these industrial units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH
MOHAN DEV) : (a) and (b) The performance of mini steel plants (electric arc furnace units) has been adversely affected due to various factors such as demand recession, shortage of power and increase in input costs including rise in international scrap prices. The industry has represented for various reliefs and the proposals made are under the consideration of Government.

[*Translation*]

STD/PCO IN DELHI

518. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN SHARAN
SINGH :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the existing number of STD/P.C.O. functioning in Delhi;