

(SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b) The extension of "Namaskar Service" on S.T.D. in other parts of the world depends on bilateral agreement between two countries. Presently there is no such proposal pending. Proposals as and when are received, would be examined.

[English]

HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECTS IN U.P.
581. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of hydro-electric projects being established or proposed to be established by the Government in Almora and Pithoragarh districts of Uttar Pradesh ;

(b) the funds allotted project-wise, in the last three years, yearwise ; and

(c) the steps taken for speedy completion of these projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Presently, Sobla Hydro-electric Projects (2×3 MW) is under execution in Pithoragarh District of U.P. and no other hydro-electric project is being established or proposed to be established in Almora and Pithoragarh districts of U.P.

(b) The State Government had allocated Rs. 4.2 crores for Sobla H.E. project in the last three years as per details given below :—

Allocated by U.P. Govt.
(Rs. lakhs)

1990-91	NIL
1991-92	220
1992-93	200.5

(c) The Project is under close monitoring and meeting has been held with the State Government to review the progress on the project. The project is scheduled for commissioning during 1993-94.

RADIO PAGING SERVICE

582. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce Radio Paging Service ;

(b) if so the main idea behind the introduction of Radio Paging Service ; and

(c) by when it is likely to be introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To utilise the capacity available on the FM transmitters of AIR to transmit data signals without affecting main programme.

(c) No firm date for the introduction of this service can be indicated at the present juncture.

TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

583. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for installation of telephone connections in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise as on November 1, 1993 ;

(b) whether there is any proposal to add more telephone lines in the existing exchanges; if so, the details thereof, exchange-wise ;

(c) whether the Telecom Department propose to open more telephone exchange in Hyderabad ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) the time by which the waiting list as on December 31, 1992 is likely to be covered in Hyderabad ?