

3 more telephone exchanges are planned to be converted into electronic in 1993-94. Remaining telephone exchanges will be converted into electronic type progressively.

(c) No Sir. One Elect. Exchange is already working in Burhampur and second exchange is yet to be converted into electronic.

(d) and (e). Advance Purchase Order for a 3000 lines CDOT type Electronic Exchange for Burhampur has also been placed. The Electronic Exchange is likely to be commissioned during 94-95 which will replace the existing electro-mechanical exchange.

[English]

PFC Financing the Private Companies

1936. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether power projects to be set up by Private companies are financed by Power Finance Corporation;

(b) if so, the number of such projects financed during the last three years; and

(c) the criteria adopted to provide finances to such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise in view of (a) above.

National Permit

1937. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to modify the norms adopted for national permit scheme for trucks; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of Shipyards

1938. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct new shipyards;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the proposed locations;

(c) whether offers of foreign assistance have been received in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details of total quantum of funds offered for each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Government have no proposal to set up new shipyards.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Power Generation in Gujarat, Maharashtra and A.P.

1939. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: DR. K.V.R. CHOWDARY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state: