

to extend further financial assistance to the Company.

(a) the number of Telecom centres with STD and Telex-facilities in the country as on February 28, 1994, Circle-wise; and

Telecom Centres

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(b) the number of such centres proposed to be opened during 1994-95, Circle-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). The information is provided in the attached *Statement*.

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

STATEMENT

Telecom Centres with STD & Telex facility

S. No.	Name of Circle	No. of Telecom Centres as on 28-2-94		No. of such centres proposed to be opened during 94-95
		With STD facility	With STD/Telex facilities	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	134	11	16
2.	Assam	4	5	8
3.	Bihar	53	2	21
4.	Delhi	—	—	Nil
5.	Gujarat	Nil	42	5
6.	Himachal Pradesh	1	1	10
7.	Haryana	1	2	Nil
8.	J & K	Nil	2	4
9.	Kerala	24	54	25
10.	Karnataka	17	5	7
11.	Madhya Pradesh	112	Nil	14
12.	Maharashtra	Nil	40	8
13.	North East	4	4	11
14.	Orissa	17	7	39

S. No.	Name of Circle	No. of Telecom Centres as on 28-2-94		No. of such centres proposed to be opened during 94-95
		With STD facility	With STD/Telex facilities	
15.	Punjab	6	8	25
16.	Rajasthan	11	16	45
17.	Tamilnadu	33	27	50
18.	Uttar Pradesh	221	10	12
19.	West Bengal	15	4	34
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Sponge Iron plant in Karnataka

4548. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Sponge Iron Plant in Mangalore, Karnataka;

(b) if so, the estimated cost and capacity of the proposed project; and

(c) the time by which the plant is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c). The Central Government do not propose to set up a Sponge Iron Plant in Mangalore, Karnataka. The new industrial policy announced in July, 1991, has removed 'iron and steel' from the list of industries reserved for the public sector and also exempted it from the requirements of compulsory licensing. No Industrial Licence is, therefore, required for establishment of iron and steel plants in the private sector at locations not within 25 kms. of

a city with a population in excess of 10 lakhs as per the 1991 census.

Training in Modern Technology

4549. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of personnel from Department of Telecommunications sent abroad for training in modern technology during the last three years, year-wise and Circle-wise;

(b) the number of personnel out of them who completed their training;

(c) whether their services have been utilised; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 395 personnel of Department of Telecommunications were sent abroad for training in modern