

(d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

**Setting up L.T.I. Unit in Bihar**

977. DR. SHAILENDRA NATH SHRI-VASTAVA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up an unit of Indian Telephone Industries in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

**Sanitary Facilities in Rural Areas**

978. SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARDHANAN:  
SHRI TARIF SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have made any survey in regard to sanitary facilities available to the rural population at the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the percentage of rural population proposed to be covered with sanitary facilities during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b). The Central Government has not made any specific survey in regard to sanitary facilities available to the rural population at the end of the 7th Five Year Plan. However, on the basis of the progress reports received from States/UTs about 3% of rural population had been provided sanitation facilities by the end of the 7th Plan. The coverage in the State of Tamil Nadu with sanitary latrines was 16.15%.

(c) The percentage of rural population to be covered in the 8th Five Year Plan will depend on the resources for the Plan period which have not been finalised by the Planning Commission. On present indications about additional 5% of rural population will be covered with such facilities during the 8th Five Year Plan.

**Four Lanning of Ahmedabad-Rajkot National Highway**

979. SHRI G.M. THAKORE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from Gujarat for four lanning of the Ahmedabad-Rajkot National-Highway; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to provided fourlane traffic facility on the above National Highway during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b). The Government of Gujarat have proposed 4-lanning of Ahmedabad-Rajkot road for length of 272 Km. on National Highways 8 A and 8 B at an estimated cost of Rs. 98.20 crores. However, as the 8th