

(c) whether adequate steps are being taken to provide better administration in the areas which are affected by the aforesaid demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) After the submission of the report by the Committee on Jharkand Matters, interaction has taken place with a number of political parties of Bihar and Government of Bihar. Government are in constant touch with the State Government with a view to find ways and means for a viable solution to the Jharkand problem.

According to the Government of Bihar, measures have been taken to accelerate the pace of development in the area in question and to provide greater satisfaction to the people.

Requirement of Bauxite Ore for Aluminium Plant at Damanjodi

2226. **SHRI K. PRADHANI:** Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of Bauxite ore from Koraput in Orissa is sufficient to meet the requirement of the Aluminium Plant at Damanjodi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) The Alumina Plant of NALCO at Damanjodi is fed by Bauxite from its captive mine at Panchpatmali in Koraput district. This mine has a capacity of 24 lakh tonnes per annum, which is adequate to meet the requirements of the Alumina Plant. During the current year 1991-92, the Alumina Plant has not experienced any difficulty in obtaining its requirement of Bauxite.

Development of Telecom facilities in Balasore District of Orissa

2227. **DR. KARTIKESHWAR PATRA:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of telephone exchanges, capacity-wise and the number of persons on the waiting list as on June 30, 1991 in Balasore District of Orissa;

(b) whether the Government have any plan for expansion of telecommunication facilities in Balasore District; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The details of telephone exchanges with the type of exchanges, its equipped capacity and No. of persons on the waiting list as on 30-6-1991 in Balasore district are given in the attached statement.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The important telecom development plans in the Balasore district of Orissa during 1991-92 are as under:

Commissioning of 4 new exchanges strowger type of 25 lines each.

Opening of 75 long distance public telephones at Gram Panchayat headquarters under Radio (MARR) scheme and 5 on open wire media.

Expansion of 4 new exchanges:—

Balasore by 288 lines (already expanded this year).

Bhadrak by 188 lines

Chandahali and Remuna by 88 lines each.

Replacement of Balipal 64 Port electronic exchange by 128 Port electronic exchange.