

(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.

Replacement of about 13 electro-mechanical small size exchanges (MAX-III) by electronic exchanges.

Replacement of Balasore and Bhadrak strowger exchanges by electronic exchanges.

Provision of about 400 new telephone connections.

Introduction of STD service to Rajnilgiri, Sheragada, Remuna, Basta, Chandabali, Dhamnagar, Baliapal, Basudevpur and Tihidi after commissioning of requisite transmission media. (The STD at Rajnilgiri and Remuna has been provided during this year).

STATEMENT

Details of Telephone Exchanges as on 30-6-1991 in Balasore District of Orissa

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of Telephone Exchange</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Equipped capacity (Lines)</i>	<i>Waiting list (Nos.)</i>
1	2	3	4	5
1	Balasore	Strowger	1900	116
2	Bhadrak	—do—	900	67
3	Chandipur	Electronic	384	96
4	Basta	—do—	88	Nil
5	Chandabali	—do—	88	1
6	Jaleswar	—do—	176	4
7	Rajnilgiri	—do—	176	Nil
8	Soro	—do—	176	7
9	Remuna	—do—	88	Nil
10	Baliapal	—do—	56	Nil
11	Bant	—do—	56	Nil
12	Dehuda	—do—	56	Nil
13	Tihidi	—do—	56	Nil
14	Arnopal	Strowger	25	2
15	Basudevpur	—do—	50	9
16	Baunsadiha	—do—	25	Nil
17	Bhandaripokhari	—do—	25	1
18	B.T. Pur	—do—	50	1
19	Chandaneswar	—do—	50	1
20	Dhamnagar	Electronic	56	Nil
21	Dhusuri	Strowger	25	1
22	Gopalpur	Strowger	25	Nil
23	Gandibed	—do—	50	Nil
24	Ghanteswar	—do—	25	6
25	Khaira	Electronic	56	Nil
26	Kupari	Strowger	25	Nil
27	B.G. Pur	Electronic	56	Nil

1	2	3	4	5
28	Nagram	Strowger	25	Nil
29	Pirhat	—do—	25	Nil
30	Rasulpur	—do—	50	Nil
31	Ranital	—do—	25	1
32	Simulia	—do—	25	2
33	Rupsa	—do—	25	Nil
34	Sheragada	Electronic	88	Nil

Cashewnut Plantation

2228. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the domestic consumption and export of cashewnut during 1990-91 in the country;

(b) the State-wise production of cashewnut during the above period; and

(c) the additional area likely to be brought under cashewnut plantation in Kerala this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) It is estimated that domestic consumption of raw cashewnut in the country during 1990-91 was roughly 1.63 lakh tonnes and the export of cashew kernels during the same period in terms of raw cashewnut was 2.0 lakh tonnes.

(b) The Statewise production of raw cashewnuts during 1990-91 is given below:—

State	Production (000 tonnes)
2	3
1. Kerala	142.1
2. Karnataka	25.8

	2	3
3. Andhra Pradesh		37.8
4. Tamil Nadu		12.5
5. Goa		14.1
6. Maharashtra		29.5
7. Orissa		29.1
8. West Bengal		3.4
9. Pondicherry and Tripura		0.3
		294.6

(c) It is proposed to bring additional area of 200 ha. under cashewnut by planting clonal material in Kerala during 1991-92 under the Central Sector Programme for Integrated Development of Cashew in India. Besides, the Government of Kerala propose to cover 1000 ha. under the State Sector Area Expansion Programme during this year.

Oil Palm Cultivation in Kerala

2229. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal to plant more oil palm trees in Kerala,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the oil palm fruits produced during the last three years in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.