

(a) the number of telephone connections provided in different cities of Madhya Pradesh during 1991-92;

(b) the number of telephone exchanges modernised; and

(c) the targets fixed for 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 12695 telephone connections were provided in 14 different cities of Madhya Pradesh during 1991-92 (Upto 1.2.1992).

(b) 196 telephone exchanges have been modernised till 1.2.1992.

(c) During 1992-93, 240 telephone exchanges are targetted for modernisation.

Purchase of Equipments by DESU

7194. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:
SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA
NAYAK:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the new item appeared in 'Jansatta', dated January 15, 1992 regarding the purchase of equipment by the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking and state:

(b) whether any investigating team has been constituted in this regard;

(c) the details of the investigations; and

(d) if no investigating team has been constituted, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d), according to DESU, the Investigation Committee has not given any adverse report regarding performance of M/s. GEC of India Limited. M/s Andrew Yule (a Government firm) has also not been black-listed as mentioned in the said news item. The orders for the supply of material/equipment have been placed with the approval of the competent authority.

[English]

Relief to Deep Sea Fishing

7195. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:
Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deep sea fishing industry is at present facing difficulties and its exports have considerably decreased resulting in loss of foreign exchange; and

(b) if so, the effective steps being taken to help this ailing deep sea fishing industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO):

(a) Although deep sea fishing industry faced several problems in recent years, the export of marine products and earning of foreign exchange has consistently increased as indicated below: