

(c) Two cities in Kerala, namely, Ernakulam and Trivandrum have been selected for introduction of paging system.

#### SETTING UP OF DRIVING TRAINING SCHOOLS

2128. SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIIH :  
SHRI S. B. SIDNAL :  
DR. D. VENKATESWARA  
RAO :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Safety Road Committee set up by his Ministry in 1982 had recommended for setting up Driving Training Schools in States as well as National Level;

(b) if so the total number of schools set up so far, State-wise;

(c) the number of persons who have been provided training at national level;

(d) the number of persons to whom training has been provided in this regard, State-wise; and

(e) the extent to which it has been beneficial, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT ((SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (d) and (e) This falls within the jurisdiction of State Government and details are not available.

(c) The National Institute of Road Safety, Khuttabad have organised 8 programmes exclusively, and 7 in collaboration with Central Institute of Road Transport, Pune and imparted training to a total number of 309 participants in both these programmes.

#### TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN HARYANA

2129. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in Haryana at present ;

(b) the number of electronic exchanges proposed to be set up during Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) The number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in Haryana as on 30-6-1993 is 76710.

(b) The 8th Plan envisages addition of 2.9 lakh exchange lines mostly electronic in Haryana Circle. It is difficult to forecast the number of the telephone exchanges to be set up in the 8th Plan period due to demand uncertainties and other factors controlling the opening of new exchanges.

(c) The plan outlay for the Circle is worked out on year to year basis depending on the availability of resources in that particular year.

[Translation]

#### PROBLEMS OF STEEL INDUSTRIES

2130. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a 29.7 per cent decline in the production of steel due to scarcity of electricity during 1992-93 ;

(b) if not, the problems faced by the steel industry; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to solve these problems ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) No, Sir. The production of Finished Steel in the country during 1992-93 was 15.10 million tonnes which is 5.4% higher than the production in 1991-92.

(b) Higher input prices, poor quality of raw materials, technological obsolescence coupled with outdated operational practices are some of the problems being faced by the steel industry.