

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of officers/employees working there at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) No, Madam.

(b) Question does not arise.

[English]

**Purchasing of Material in Orissa Telecom Circle**

2826. SHRI ANADICHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any case of purchasing of materials at higher costs in Orissa Telecom Circle has been unearthed during the current Year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government against persons found responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Switch Board Cables, Joint protection Shells, and PVC insulated Twin GI Wire were purchased without following the laid down procedure.

(c) Disciplinary action has already been initiated against the officers involved.

**Telephone Exchange in Maharashtra**

2827. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA

PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of exchanges proposed to be converted into electronic/automatic exchanges in Maharashtra during 1994-95; and

(b) the district-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) 205.

(b) Details are given in the attached statement.

**STATEMENT**

**Number of Telephone Exchanges Proposed to be Converted in to Electronic Exchanges in Maharashtra During 1994-95**

Ahmednagar	30
Akola	10
Amravati	4
Aurangabad	3
Beed	4
Bhandara	2
Buldhana	10
Chandrapur	4
Dhula	15
Jaigaon	20