

utilisation in the country during the last three years is given below:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Percentage Utilisation of equipped capacity</i>
1991-92	85.67
1992-93	85.20
1993-94	82.04

It is normal to increase utilisation of capacity in a phased manner from 60% at the time of commissioning of a new telephone exchange to gradually reach to 90% in a few months time of the installation of exchange for allowing the augmentation, testing and commissioning of the out-door plant work.

(c) Details of installed and utilized capacity as on 30.6.94 are as below:

i)	Installed Capacity = 9907115
ii)	Utilized Capacity = 8234103
iii)	% of Utilized Capacity = 83.11%

(d) Guidelines are available in the Department of Telecommunications to ensure optimum utilization of the installed capacity. There may be a marginal fall in the capacity utilization at the time of commissioning of New Telephone Capacity. But in the next few months, the connections are given from the spare capacity available till the exchange becomes due for next expansion.

[*Translation*]

Mobile Collection Centres in Delhi

3832. DR. RAMAKRISHNA
KUSMARIA:
SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH:
SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN
SHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to provide mobile collection centres for telephones bills in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to implement this scheme in other parts of the country also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b). A proposal is under consideration to start Mobile Collection Centres on experimental basis in Delhi to collect payment of bills by cheque from outlying areas and other localities not having any collection centre nearby.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise, in view of (c) above

[*English*]

Maintenance of N.H. 17

3833. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHUZANTYE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of National Highway 17 connecting Goa-Bombay via Mahad and the expenditure incurred on its maintenance during the last three years; year-wise;

(b) whether poor maintenance of this highway affects road traffic for a substantial period each year; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to make the highway traffic worthy throughout the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE

MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). The length of National Highway No. 17 in Maharashtra and Goa States is 621 Km. The National Highway is maintained in a traffic worthy condition within the available funds. The funds are released to the respective State Governments for maintenance of all National Highways in the State and not National Highway-wise. The State Governments of Maharashtra and Goa have reported that expenditure incurred on maintenance of National Highway No. 17 during the last 3 years is as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Maharashtra</i>	<i>Goa</i>
1991-92	391.41	21.74
1992-93	248.65	74.12
1993-94	483.04	63.64

Telephone Bills in Kerala

3834. SHRI THAYILJOHNANJALOSE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of disputed cases of telephone bills lying pending with Consumer Protection Forum in Kerala;

(b) the estimated loss suffered by the Government on this account; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to settle those cases at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and the same will be laid on

the Table of the House.

Petrol/Diesel Outlets in Uttar Pradesh

3835. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA: SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of retail petrol/diesel outlets set up in Uttar Pradesh so far;

(b) the number of retail outlets of petrol/diesel proposed to be set up in the State during 1994-95;

(c) whether the Government also propose to allot more LPG agencies there; and