

The scheme is open to minorities whose annual family income is below double the poverty line which at present works out to Rs. 22,000/- per annum.

[Translation]

Outstanding Loan against ONGC

797. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA :

SHRI NITISH KUMAR :

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

- (a) whether there has been a considerable increase in the outstanding loan against the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited during each of the last three years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the amount of outstanding loan against the Corporation during 1990-91 and at the end of 1994-95;
- (d) whether the Corporation has paid the interest during above period; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) and (b) The loan outstanding against ONGC has increased over the last three years on account of borrowings for investment in exploration and development projects and also on account of exchange rate variation.

(c) The loans outstanding at the end of 1990-91 and 1994-95 were Rs. 6730.54 crores and Rs. 12893.36 crores respectively.

(d) and (e) Interest paid by ONGC in the last three years are as shown below :

	Rs./Crores
1992-93	706.32
1993-94 (10 months)	653.96
1994-95 (14 months)	1136.25

[English]

**Joint Venture between ITI and TADIRAN
Telecommunications of Israel**

798. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government for setting up of a joint venture between the Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) and the Israeli telecom giant-TADIRAN Telecommunications for manufacturing and marketing of telecom products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the joint venture agreement/Memorandum of Understanding is likely to be finalised;

(d) whether earlier also, the ITI and the TADIRAN had entered into any agreement for marketing of each other's products and joint development of new products;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the proposed joint venture between ITI and TADIRAN is likely to increase the capacity utilisation of the ITI; and

(g) if so, the extent thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) An MOU was signed between ITI and M/s TADIRAN in November, 1993 for manufacture of certain products of TADIRAN by ITI for application in Indian Telecom. Network, marketing of each other products, establishment of a joint export market line of products derived from the product ranges of the two Companies for export to mutually agreed countries etc.

(f) and (g) The MOU already signed represents the objectives of the two parties for having a joint cooperation in the field of Telecom. The proposed joint venture would source equipment from ITI who would set up manufacturing facilities under a separate technology transfer agreement to be entered into between M/s ITI and M/s TADIRAN subject to techno-commercial viability of such products. This will add a new range of products and hence is expected to increase the total capability of ITI.

Telephone Exchanges

799. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the targets fixed for setting up of telephone exchanges during last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether the targets were fully achieved;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and Year-wise;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) to (c) Targets for setting up Telephone Exchnages are not fixed. However, Circle/State-wise targets fixed and achievement in Gross lines during the last three years i.e 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 are given in the enclosed statement. Overall targets were fully achieved.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

STATEMENT*State-wise Target & Achievement for the Last Three Years i.e. 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95*

Sl. No.	Name of State/ Circle	1992-93 (Gross Lines)		1993-94 (Gross Lines)		1994-95 (Gross Lines)	
		Target	Achmt	Target	Achmt	Target	Achmt
1.	Andhra Pradesh	132376	110948	153760	151204	174564	184892
2.	Assam	20920	24092	22480	20604	16000	23708
3.	Bihar	32420	77315	67220	66572	67012	78151
4.	Gujarat, incl. UT of Dadar & Nagar Haveli, Daman, Div	146700	144938	197060	210770	202554	229981
5.	Haryana	61120	68072	61860	71108	65928	86836
6.	Himachal Pradesh	14600	20016	21280	35983	23600	43824
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	14712	6867	13280	16017	25320	12028
8.	Karnataka	83032	146379	155996	172107	193576	259709
9.	Kerala incl. UT of Lakshadweep	158800	126700	124900	134060	157060	156545
10.	Madhya Pradesh	105900	181750	115200	170422	117564	176316
11.	Maharashtra incl. Goa State	272800	280060	362980	515538	390678	613104
12.	North East (Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland & Tripura States)	25480	19236	19920	22757	14576	18463
13.	Orissa	20000	36631	59930	51932	18252	35796
14.	Punjab incl. UT of Chandigarh	67700	74207	154440	128034	185052	196001
15.	Rajasthan	66620	114351	145800	174381	130636	167000
16.	Tamil Nadu incl. UT of Pondicherry	157380	138698	211470	185949	196296	279885
17.	Uttar Pradesh	121236	96326	204920	139955	174140	192772
18.	West Bengal incl. Sikkim State	37260	24240	100600	180796	96692	135092
19.	Andaman & Nicobar UT (Circle created in 1994-95)	-	-	-	-	-	1505
20.	Delhi	138000	91000	146000	76750	318000	236000
		1677056	1781848	2339096	2465842	2567500	3127608

Major Projects in Maharashtra

800. SHRI PRAKASH V PATIL : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of on-going major projects in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Union Government have reviewed the progress of the projects;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to ensure timely completion of these projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAVA) : (a) In the first Quarter of 1995-96, there were 21 central sector projects on the monitor of