

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be started; and

(d) the amount earmarked for implementing the above programme ?

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

(b) Amongst the various proposals to introduce modern technology in the Telecommunication system in the county are the induction of digital S.P.C. Electronic switching equipment for local and TAX working as well as SPC Telex Exchanges. The other proposals include the use of Multi-access rural radio systems, satellite communication on a more extensive scale in backward, hilly and remote areas as well as between large cities, modernisation of telegraphs services and the induction of a new packet switched data network.

(c) The programme for modernisation of Telecommunications systems is proposed to be started with the commencement of 7th Five Year Plan.

(d) This is still under discussion with the Planning Commission.

Creation of New Postal Divisions in Orissa

1714. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the details regarding the number of postal divisions created in the country during last two years;

(b) the number of postal division created in Orissa;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the number of postal divisions in some States;

(d) if so, whether the proposal to increase the postal divisions in Orissa is expected to be given priority; and

(e) if so, the progress made so far in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No postal divisions were created in the country during the last two years.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) New postal divisions are created by bifurcation of existing divisions on fulfilment of certain prescribed departmental norms.

(d) & (e). Does not arise.

[Translation]

Setting up of Electronic Telephone Exchange in Ghazipur (U.P.)

1715. SHRI ZAINUL BASHER : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which the work to set up an Electronic Telephone Exchange at Ghazipur (U.P.) will be started;

(b) whether machines etc. have been arranged for this work; and

(c) the time by which this work is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The work to set up Electronic Exchange at Ghazipur is expected to be taken up after the receipt of equipment in early 1986.

(b) The equipment is being finalised.

(c) The work is likely to be completed in 1986-87.

[English]

To be answered on the 2nd April, 1985.

West Bengal proposal for setting up Tractor factory at Durgapur

1716. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of West Bengal has sent a proposal for setting up tractor factory at Durgapur; and