

(b) New Postal Divisions are carved out by bifurcating the jurisdiction of existing Postal Divisions as per certain norms laid down by the Department. At present Jaisalmer district forms a part of Jodhpur Postal Division. Creation of Jaisalmer Postal Division by bifurcation of Jodhpur Postal Division is not justified as the departmental norms in this regard are not satisfied.

[English]

Development of highly Sophisticated navigational system for Armoured vehicles by defence research and development wing

1792. PROF MADHU DANDAVATE:
SHRI S.M. GURADDI :
SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI
KHAN :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Defence Research and Development Wing with collaboration has developed a highly sophisticated navigational system for the armoured vehicles;

(b) if so, whether the system has been implemented by Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir. This was done by the Instrument Research & Development Establishment, Dehradun.

(b) The Defence Ministry has placed production order for this system.

(c) Does not arise.

Poor Telephone service in Bombay

1793. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the telephone system in the city of Bombay has come to a stand still due to frequent interruptions and failure of getting correct numbers;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received during 1984, month-wise details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to provide better and uninterrupted service to telephone subscribers;

(d) whether there is any proposal to give compensation to subscribers whose telephones remain dead for long periods; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir. Interruptions on some telephones do occur but these are attended to within the shortest possible time.

(b) The number of telephone complaints from January, 1984 to December, 1984 are given in the attached Statement-I.

(c) The measures taken to minimise the complaints are given in the attached Statement-II.

(d) Yes, Sir. Some proposals have been received and are under consideration.

(e) No decision has been taken.

Statement-1

Number of Telephone complaints from January, 1984 to December, 1984 in Bombay

Month	No. of complaints	Remarks
January, 1984	186656	
February, 1984	193914	
March, 1984	215834	
April, 1984	192284	
May, 1984	195714	
June, 1984	266015	
July, 1984	307454	} Monsoon months.
August, 1984	243700	
September, 1984	229920	
October, 1984	185607	
November, 1984	183848	
December, 1985	164517	

Statement II

Long-term and short-term measures being taken to minimise the number of complaints in Bombay Telephone District

1. Laying of cables inducts to protect them from external damages.
2. Pressurisation of cables to prevent ingress of moisture and minimise faults.
3. Use of jelly filled cables in the distribution network to prevent ingress of moisture.
4. Patrolling of main cable routes to detect damages caused to telephone cables by various utility services and take prompt precautionary measures.
5. Ensuring proper implementation of inter-utility code of conduct among the various public utility services.
6. Replacement of heavy over-head lines by underground cables in the Eastern and Western suburbs
7. Block wiring of subscribers premises to keep the subscriber's telephones and wiring in good condition.
8. Locking and sealing of Cabinets, pillars and D.P. Boxes.
9. Tightening of inspections of internal and external network.
10. Improving the maintenance of exchange equipment.
11. Monitoring the performance of internal and external plants and initiating measures to overcome the shortcomings.
12. Introduction of sophisticated electronic telephone exchanges.
13. Scrapping of life expired equipments.
14. Use of improved telephone instruments.

[Translation]

Exploration of Oil and Natural Gas

1794. SHRI C.D. GAMIT : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the names of places in Gujarat and other States where oil and natural gas explorations were conducted during the per-

iod 1980 to 1984 and the places where oil and natural gas have been found, details thereof ;

(b) the details of the amount spent and the quality of oil and natural gas found at these places; and

(c) the time by which commercial production is likely to start at these places ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (c). The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[English]

Collaboration agreements for technical know-how, drawings and designs

1795. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the country-wise breakup of 464 collaboration agreements for technical know-how entered into last year, along with the type of know-how sought to be obtained through them; and

(b) the country-wise break-up of 128 collaboration agreements for drawings and designs entered into last year alongwith the nature of drawings and designs being sought?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b) . Government have approved 752 proposals for foreign collaborations in 1984. The particulars of foreign collaboration proposals approved, viz. name of the Indian Company, foreign collaborator, item of manufacture, nature of collaboration are published on a quarterly basis by the Indian Investment Centre as supplement to its Monthly News Letter. Also, the summary of the Foreign Collaboration Agreements is being published alongwith the quarterly list. Copies of the publication are sent regularly to the Parliament Library. Out of 752 proposals for foreign collaboration approved by government, the details in respect of 740 proposals have already been published by Indian Investment Centre. The particulars of remaining 12 proposals for foreign collaboration are yet to be published. A statement showing the details alongwith country-wise break-up is enclosed.