

**Setting up of Electronic Telephone  
Exchange at Vijaywada**

6401. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA  
RAO : Will the Minister of COMMUNI-  
CATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set  
up an Electronic Telephone Exchange at  
Vijaywada; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the  
probable date by which it will be commis-  
sioned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS  
(SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No,  
Sir. There is no proposal at present.

(b) Not applicable.

[Translation]

**Regularisation of Unauthorised Gas  
Connections**

6402. SHRI JAGDISH AWASTHI : Will  
the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to  
state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are  
several unauthorised gas connections in Delhi  
and in other cities of the Country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose  
to regularise these connections; and

(c) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI  
NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Yes,  
Sir. It has been reported that there are several  
unauthorised gas connections in Delhi and  
other cities of the country.

(b) and (c). Only such connections as  
were issued by an oil company and have  
been unauthorisedly transferred by the original  
allottees are being regularised in the  
names of transferees.

[English]

**News Item Captioned "Concern over  
F-16 Know-How for China"**

6403. SHRI HAFIZ MOHD. SIDDIQ :  
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased  
to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn  
to the news item captioned "Concern over  
F-16 know-how for China" appeared in  
'Hindustan Times' dated 25 April, 1985; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose  
to take to meet the eventualities, if any ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE : (SHRI  
P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government carefully monitor all  
developments having a bearing on our security  
environment and take appropriate steps to  
maintain full defence preparedness at all  
times. It will not be in public interest to  
disclose details.

**Setting up of Ultra High Frequency  
System at Balurghat of West  
Dinajpur (West Bengal)**

6404. DR. GOLAM YAZDANI :  
SHRI PALAS BARMAN :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-  
TIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was any sanctioned  
project of the P&T Board for installation of  
stable media systems at all District Head-  
quarters in the country;

(b) if so, when such project was appro-  
ved;

(c) the reasons for 8-9 years' delay in  
putting up the sanctioned Ultra High Fre-  
quency system at Balurghat in West Dinaj-  
pur District;

(d) whether there is likelihood of more  
delay;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the likely date by which the project will be commissioned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. There is no single sanctioned project, covering all District Headquarters. However, we have sanctioned a number of projects for different district headquarters during 6th Plan period.

(c) Project Estimate of Balurghat-Gobindapur-Malda UHF system was sanctioned in December, 1982. Orders for tower, Mux and other associated materials were placed. Order for Radio equipment has not been placed due to revision of project from Analogue to Digital version. Lands at Balurghat and Gobindapur have not yet been acquired by the State Government and handed over to Telecommunication Department.

(d) and (e). Yes, Sir. Apart from the delay and acquisition of land, the project is required to be converted from Analogue version to Digital version and the appropriate equipment is to be identified for procurement.

(f) The Project is likely to be completed during 7th Plan period subject to availability of land and equipment.

**Providing Safety Measures by cement  
Factories at Satna etc. in  
Madhya Pradesh**

6405. SHRI AZIZ QURESHI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the management of cement factories in Satna, Maihar and Kymore in Satna Parliamentary Constituency area have not provided minimum basic health facilities and safety measures to their labourers and staff; and

(b) whether any such conditions are not imposed when the licence of a Cement Factory is granted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY

OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) The Managements of the cement factories at Satna and Maihar have reported that their factories are not causing any pollution. Both these factories and the factory at Kymore are reported to have installed pollution control equipments to arrest emission of dust coming out of these factories. It has also been reported by these factories that adequate basic health facilities and safety measures are being provided to the Staff and labourers in their respective factories.

(b) In the Industrial Licences being issued, a condition is imposed to the effect that the licensee will take adequate steps to the satisfaction of Government to prevent air, water and soil pollution and that such anti pollution equipment to be installed should conform to the effluent and efficient standards prescribed by the State in which the factory is located.

**Conversion of Manual Exchanges in  
Rajasthan into Auto Exchanges**

6406. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of manual exchanges functioning in Rajasthan and the names of cities which are having such exchanges;

(b) the number and names of telephone exchanges in Rajasthan converted into auto exchanges during the Sixth Five Year Plan, district-wise; and

(c) the names of manual telephone exchanges likely to be converted into auto exchanges during the Seventh Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The information is given at statement I attached.

(b) Three exchanges viz Mandore in Jodhpur district, Nagaur in Nagaur district and Churu in Churu district were converted into Auto exchanges during the Sixth Five Year Plan.