

(c) Details of imports are published in the Monthly Statistics for Foreign Trade in India, Volume II, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(d) No, Sir, The indigenous production is, in fact, going up and the percentage of value of the imported bulk drugs to that of indigenously produced bulk drugs is actually declining.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

#### Loss of Power During Transmission and Distribution of Electricity

2219. PROF. K. V. THOMAS :

DR. B. L. SHAILESH :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is loss of power during transmission and distribution of electricity ;

(b) whether the loss of power varies from State to State ;

(c) the steps taken to minimise the loss of power ; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to make the theft of electricity a cognizable offence and amend the existing law suitable to provide for deterrent punishment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Important measures suggested to the States to minimise the loss of power include (i) strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution systems ; (ii) installation of capacitors to improve power factors and (iii) closer supervision and frequent inspections to reduce and eliminate pilferage of energy.

(d) A proposal to make the law more effective for making theft of electricity a cognizable offence is under consideration.

#### Telephones Exchanges in Kerala

2220. PROF. K.V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of telephone exchanges working in Kerala ;

(b) the number of those which are automatic exchanges ;

(c) the number of public telephones in Kerala and number of those which have STD facilities ;

(d) the number of villages in Kerala linked by telephone and telegraph facilities ;

(e) when these facilities will be extended to all villages ;

(f) the number of SAXs converted to MAX-II exchanges in 1985-86 ; and

(g) the number of telephone exchanges started in rural areas in 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) 570.

(b) 555.

(c) There are 2811 public telephones in Kerala, out of which 84 have STD facilities.

(d) Of the total 374 category villages, 1287 are provided with telephone facility and 1186 with telegraph facility.

(e) It is proposed to provide telephone/ telegraph facilities to the remaining villages during the 7th Plan period subject to availability of resources.

(f) The number of SAXs converted to MAX-II exchanges so far in 1985-86 is 8.

(g) The number of SAXs opened in rural areas so far in 1985-86 is 10.

#### Connection of District Headquarters in Madhya Pradesh with Bhopal by S.T.D.

2221. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :