

This network will have a limited number of subscribers. It is proposed to monitor the traffic pattern and public reaction before commissioning a large network covering the entire country.

(b) Yes, Sir. Some more large cities of the country will also be connected on the public data network in due course. The cities which will be taken up in the next phase are Calcutta, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Pune, Bangalore, Chandigarh, Jaipur, Lucknow, Varanasi, Patna, Bhubaneswar, Ranchi, Nagpur, Bhopal, Baroda, Cochin and Trivandrum.

(c) Bombay, Delhi and Madras will be connected to the Public data network facility in the next few months. It is difficult to say by when this facility could be extended to the other 17 places, as considerable financial and material investments are involved. Some more cities are expected to be connected at a later stage part of the full-fledged data network.

(d) Financial implications for the first phase connecting Delhi, Bombay and Madras will be of the order of Rs. 1.5 crores.

Tenders for setting up of Mangalore and Karnal Refinery Projects

328. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK :
SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :

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

(a) whether tenders for setting up Refineries at Karnal and Mangalore have since been called by Government;

(b) the names of parties who have offered their services to participate in setting up these projects;

(c) the stage where the matter stands at present; and

(d) the time by which these refineries will start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (d). The possibility of setting up these refineries in the joint sector is being explored. A final decision in this regard is yet to be taken.

Stipulation regarding setting up of industries in backward areas

329. PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any stipulation is made while registering new industries that these should be set up in the backward areas; and

(b) if so, the percentage of new industries which have been set up in backward areas during this year as compared to the previous year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Transfer of Officers in Telecommunication Department

330. SHRI S. M. BHATTAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware that recently some guidelines were issued for the transfer of officers in Telecommunications Department; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

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

(b) Group 'A' and 'B' Officers of the Telecom. Department working in Telecom. Circles and minor districts, who have put in 4 years in a post/8 years in a station may be transferred to another post in the same station/to another station within the respective circles jurisdiction by the Heads of Circles. If, however, the Heads of Circles feel that certain Officers are required to be shifted out of the Circles in the interest of service their names may be recommended to the Telecom. Directorate for considering their transfers to other Circles.

Group 'A' and 'B' Officers in the Metro and Major Districts, who had put in 10 years in a station were required to be transferred out of the Telephone District and these, who