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**Telephone Service through Microwave
in Rajasthan**

1370. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places in Rajasthan where telephones through microwave will start functioning during this year;

(b) the areas in which telephone lines will be connected through microwave;

(c) whether Government are aware that work on microwave line is going on very slowly; and

(d) the time by which Ganga Nagar, Suratgarh, Loonkaransar and Bikaner will be connected with Jaipur and Delhi through microwave line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The names of places whose telephone exchanges are likely to be connected through UHF/MW media during 1985-86 in Rajasthan are—Ajmer and Hanumangarh.

(b) A list of names of other places where telephone exchanges are proposed to be linked to national network using UHF/MW media, is given in the attached Annexure.

(c) Works on UHF/MW Projects are being reviewed regularly and progress is generally satisfactory except where specific problems may arise.

(d) Sriganganagar is connected to national network and has access to Jaipur and New Delhi via Bhatinda. Suratgarh, Bikaner are tentatively planned to have access through MW/UHF to Jaipur and Delhi by 1990 and 1987 respectively. Lookaransar is not planned for being connected to national network at present.

Statement

*List of the Stations Proposed to be
Connected through UHF/Microwave
Media in Rajasthan*

- 1.* Bikaner
2. Jhunjhunu
3. Bhilwara
- 4.* Chittorgarh
- 5.* Udaipur
6. Dungarpur
7. Banswara
8. Tonk
9. Bundi
10. Sawaimadhapur
11. Jhalawar
12. Baran
13. Churu
14. Jalore
15. Sujangarh
16. Sardarsahar
17. Suratgarh

[*English*]

Import of Oil from Saudi Arabia

1371. SHRI SOMNATH RATH :
SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL :

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

(a) whether Government have any proposal to increase the import oil from Saudi Arabia;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to review their present oil contract with that country;

(c) the quantum of increase proposed to be made in the import of oil from Saudi Arabia; and

(d) the details thereof?

*These stations are having access by coaxial cable systems at present.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (d). Contracts for supply crude oil on Government to Government basis are generally concluded on a year to year basis. The contracts for import of crude oil for the year 1986 from various countries including Saudi Arabia is still under the consideration of the Government of India.

Import of Machinery by Leasing Companies

1372. SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of leasing companies operating in the country as on 15th October, 1985; and

(b) the number of companies which have been permitted to import machinery for the purpose of leasing to clients ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Leasing activity is not shown separately in the Industrial classification of Joint Stock companies adopted by the Department of Company Affairs. It is not, therefore, possible to indicate the number of leasing companies operating in the country.

(b) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Coal in Orissa

1373. SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to take some steps for the development of coal in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the schemes prepared therefor;

(c) the amount earmarked for that purpose;

(d) the specific steps proposed to be taken for the development coal in Orissa during the Seventh Plan period; and

(e) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. A coal production target of 226 million tonnes has been fixed for achievement by 1989-90. For this purpose, an outlay of Rs. 6700 crores has been provided in the Seventh Five Year Plan. The increase in coal production is to be achieved through reorganisation of some existing mines and by development of a number of new projects.

(d) and (e). It is proposed to increase production of coal from Talcher and Ib valley coalfields of Orissa from the present level of 5.44 million tonnes (1984-85) to 13.9 million tonnes per year by 1989-90. Bharatpur opencast and Jagannath expansion schemes in Talcher coalfield and Belpahar and Lajkura opencast mining projects in Ib valley coalfields have been approved. More projects will be taken up during the course of the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Waiting List for New Telephone Connections in the Country

1374. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the ever increasing demand for new telephone connections in the country and more particularly in the metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the number of applicants in different cities in general and metropolitan cities in particular on the waiting list to get telephone connections as on 31st October, 1985; and

(c) the steps taken to clear the backlog ?

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

(b) The information is given in the Statement below.