

**Conversion of Telephone Exchanges
into Electronic Exchanges in
Bangalore City**

1433. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER :
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS
be pleased to state :

(a) the number of electronic telephone
exchanges in Bangalore city;

(b) whether there is any proposal to
convert the existing exchanges into electronic
exchanges; and

(c) if so, the telephone exchanges which
are proposed to be converted into electronic
exchanges ?

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

(b) Yes, Sir, as and when the existing
exchange equipments complete their useful
life.

(c) 7000 lines of Bangalore Central and
2000 lines of Peenya will be replaced by
electronic exchanges during the 7th Plan
period.

[*Translation*]

Gas Pipeline in Agra

1434. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND
NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to put
up a gas pipeline in Agra; and

(b) if so, whether industries in that
region will have adequate gas supply to
switch over from use of coal, which is
necessary for protection of Taj and other
monuments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND
NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL
KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

**Views of Government of West Bengal
on setting up an All India Power
Corporation**

1435. SHRI BHOLANATH SEN : Will
the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to
state :

(a) whether Government of West Bengal
have communicated to the Union Govern-
ment the views of the State Govern-
ment to set up an All-India Power Corporation more
or less on the same pattern as the Rural
Electrification Corporation;

(b) if so, the views of the State Govern-
ment thereon;

(c) the reasons, if the proposal has not
been welcomed by the State Government;
and

(d) the contemplation of the Union
Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF
MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) There is no
proposal under Government's consideration
to set up an All India Power Corporation.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

**Selection of Chief Executives and
Directors in Public Sector
Enterprises**

1436. SHRI BHOLANATH SEN :
SHRI AMAL DATTA :
PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be
pleased to state :

(a) whether some posts of Chief
Executives and Directors are lying vacant in
some public sector enterprises;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) since when these posts are lying
vacant and the reasons for delay in filling
these posts;

(d) the steps taken/proposed to fill up
these vacant posts; and