

The delay is mainly due to labour problems and difficulties in acquisition of land in Bihar and West Bengal. The State Governments concerned have been asked to provide necessary assistance to the project authorities and progress of the project is being closely monitored.

#### **Upgradation of Technology in Small Scale Industries**

1461. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a working group on upgradation of technology appointed by Government had suggested to evolve urgently an incentive scheme which will help small scale industries to modernise their plants and keep pace with improved technology;

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted this suggestion; and

(c) if so, the follow up action contemplated in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The matter is under examination.

#### **Compensation to Public Sector Undertakings for Increase in Cost**

1462. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Planning Commission has suggested that the Public Sector Undertakings should not be wholly compensated for increase in costs through administrative price hike but part of the rise in cost should be covered through productivity cost;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to implement the suggestion;

(c) whether any working plan has been drawn up by Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d). The details are being collected and a statement will be placed on the Table of the House.

#### **Conversion of Delhi and Bombay Telephones into Corporation**

1463. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any further progress has been made for the conversion of Bombay and Delhi Telephone administrations into Corporations;

(b) whether there are projects of such Corporations obtaining loans from within and outside the country; and

(c) whether there is any programme to ensure that at least in metropolitan areas, the waiting list for telephones, is wiped out by 1990 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) The proposal envisages raising of resources.

(c) No Sir.

#### **Introduction of Labour participation in Colliery managements**

1464. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA : SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether he had announced on October 29, 1985 that labour participation in colliery managements would be introduced soon;

(b) if so, at what levels of management participation is being introduced;