

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). The Department of Telecommunications imports only those equipment which are not manufactured in the country or are manufactured in inadequate quantities. The anticipated imports are not massive and may be around 15% of the total outlay.

(c) The items which are available in the country or are in the process of being manufactured in the country and meet the required specifications are proposed to be utilised to the extent feasible within the available resources allocated to this sector.

Viable Policy Over Future use of PTA

9013. DR. B.L. SHAIKESH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have since been able to evolve a viable policy over future use of PTA in the light of the Report of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) ; and

(b) whether while formulating their future policy over use of PTA, Government propose to ensure that the cost of production of DMT by indigenous manufacturers, particularly in the public sector, should have an edge over the landed prices of PTA with a view to achieve the optimum utilisation of DMT capacity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b). The import duty on DMT/PTA has been suitably adjusted with a view to achieve optimum utilisation of indigenous DMT capacity.

Auto Telephone Exchange at Kotkapura

9014. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer ; to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2182 on 9.4.85 regarding Auto Telephone Exchange at Kotkapura and State :

(a) the amount sanctioned for this exchange ;

(b) the progress made so far ; and

(c) the time by which the construction work is proposed to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The project for 1500 lines Automatic Telephone Exchange has been sanctioned for Rs. 1,52,27,000.

(b) The working for the Telephone Exchange building are under preparation. The equipment for exchange is likely to be supplied during 1987.

(c) The construction of the building is likely to start by December 1987.

Direct Trunk Dialling Facilities from Andhra Pradesh to Foreign Countries

9015. SHRI S. PALAKONDRAYUDU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated to improve telecommunications facility in Andhra Pradesh in the Seventh Five Year Plan ; and

(b) the number and names of the exchange in Andhra Pradesh to be developed/ already developed and having direct trunk dialling facility to foreign countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Expenditure is incurred on the Telecommunication network on different schemes some of which directly and fully benefit a given territorial unit where as others benefit more than one unit. It is, therefore not possible to segregate the expenditure to expand and improve the telecommunications facility in Andhra Pradesh in the 7th Five Year Plan.

(b) Presently Nellore, Renigunta, Tirupathi, Gudur and Chittoor are having direct trunk dialling facility to 12 foreign count-

ries. The following Telephone exchanges in Andhra Pradesh are likely to have direct trunk dialling facility to the foreign countries progressively during the 7th Five Year Plan.

Sl. No. Name of the station

1. Adilabad
2. Adoni
3. Ananthapur
4. Anakapally
5. Bhimavaram
6. Cuddapah
7. Chirala
8. Chilakaluripeta
9. Duggirala
10. Eluru
11. Guntakkal
12. Guntur
13. Gudivada
14. Hyderabad
15. Hindupur
16. Hanumankonda
17. Ibrahimpatnam
18. Khammam
19. Kothagudem
20. Kurnool
21. Kavali
22. Kakinada
23. Lingampalli
24. Mehboobnagar
25. Machlipatnam
26. Nalgonda
27. Nizamabad
28. Nandyal
29. Nandigama
30. Ongole
31. Prodattur
32. Pattencheru
33. Rajamundhry
34. Sangareddy

35. Srikakulam
36. Tadepalligudem
37. Tanuku
38. Tenali
39. Tuni
40. Vijayawada
41. Vishakhapatnam
42. Warrangal
43. Palakole
44. Vizia Nagaram.

**Setting up of New Head, Branch and
Sub Post Offices in Cuddapah
District in Andhra Pradesh**

9016. SHRI S. PALAKONDRAYUDU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of head post offices, branch post offices and sub Post offices in Cuddapah district of Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) whether there are any proposals to set up more such post offices in Cuddapah district ; and

(c) if so, the places where these are proposed to be set up and the probable date by which such post offices are likely to function ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) There are 4 head post offices, 103 sub post offices and 713 branch post offices in Cuddapah District of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) No Sir, not at present.

(c) Does not arise.

**Allocation for Setting up Biogas
Plants in Kerala**

9017. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any expert committee has been set up to do research for the development of biogas plants ;