

Corporation of India is not in a position to take up any new cement plants during the Seventh Five Year Plan period.

Expansion and Modernisation of Telephone Services in U.P.

9042. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the proposals for expansion, improvement and modernisation of telephone services in Uttar Pradesh during the current year ; and

(b) the amount earmarked for this purpose during the current year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) :
(a) I. The expansions of telephone services in Uttar Pradesh during the current year i.e. 1986-87 have been planned as follows :

Sl. No.	Name of Place	Expansions planned (in No. of lines)
1.	Kanpur	5,000
2.	Lucknow	1,600
3.	Varanasi	1,200
4.	Agra	300
5.	Meerut	6,000
6.	Bareilly	600
7.	Gorakhpur	300
8.	Noida	600
9.	Muradabad	900
10.	Muzaffarnagar	300
11.	Sultanpur	120
12.	Pauri	200
13.	Clement Town	100
14.	Khurja	120
15.	Sambhal	120
16.	Fatehpur	100
17.	Orai	40
18.	Jagdishpur	50

In addition to the expansions of existing telephone exchanges mentioned above, it is also planned to install 50 small automatic exchanges 30 units of 25 lines capacity and 20 units of 50 lines capacity during the current year.

II. Plans for improvement and modernisation of telephone services and in Uttar Pradesh during the current year are as follows :

1. Digital electronic trunk automatic exchanges are planned to be commissioned at Agra and Lucknow.

2. Manual local telephone exchanges at Maunath Bhanjan, Banda, Fatehpur, Sultanpur, Pauri and Orai are planned to be automatised. While the exchange at Maunath Bhanjan will be automatised by equipments manufactured indigenously, the existing exchanges at other five places will be automatised by installation of electronic exchanges, equipments for which are being imported from Japan.

2. Junctions between Naini and Allahabad are planned to be augmented by installation of a 60 channel microwave system.

(b) Provision of about Rs. six crores has been earmarked for this purpose during the current year.

[English]

District Industries Centres in U.P.

9043. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of District Industries Centres in Uttar Pradesh which have their own buildings and where all facilities and guidance are made available to entrepreneurs from a single window ;

(b) whether there are such District Industries Centres in Uttar Pradesh which have identified growth centres in their respective districts ;

(c) if so, the names of the growth centres functioning in Almora and Pithoragarh districts of Uttar Pradesh ; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken and

the assistance proposed to be given by Government for construction of buildings for District Industries Centres of the State which do not have their own buildings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Construction of 54 DIC buildings have been completed. All facilities and services required by entrepreneurs are being provided by the DICs as far as possible.

(b) and (c). Such information is not monitored by the Central Government.

(d) The Ceiling of Central assistance for non-recurring expenditure has been fixed at Rs. 4 lakhs per DIC with effect from 1985-86.

Lack of orders for BHEL due to liberalisation of import policy

9044. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH :

SHRI JAGANNATH PATNAIK :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the reports that consequent upon liberalisation of import policy, various State Electricity Boards and undertakings are importing technology and heavy machinery for power generation ;

(b) if so, whether as a result of this trend, the order-list or power generating equipment with Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited has been shrinking considerably ;

(c) the present volume of orders with the BHEL and the percentage of its capacity which can be utilised in complying with these orders during the current-year and how it will compare with the percentage capacity of production during past two years ; and

(d) Government's reaction to this reduction in order-list ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d) Based on firm orders received as on 31.3.86, the capacity utilisation of BHEL for the Seventh Plan period would be 59%

for thermal and 32% for hydro sets. Constraint of resources for the setting up of new power plants is the principal cause of the low order book position. However, for 1986-87, the capacity utilisation for manufacture of thermal sets is estimated at 80% and for hydro sets at 33% ; these figures compare well with the capacity utilisation during the past two years.

It is Government's policy to ensure maximum utilisation of the indigenous capacity. Imports is resorted to only selectively and on merits, depending on the totality of circumstances.

Projects on Hydrogen Energy Technology

9045. SHRIMATI MADHUREE SINGH : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has sponsored project on various aspects of hydrogen energy technology ; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An R and D programme covering production of hydrogen based on solar energy, storage of hydrogen in the form of metal hydrides and utilisation as fuel substitute for conventional liquid fuels is being implemented by the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources at various research and educational institutions with the help of a National Technical Advisory Committee on Hydrogen Energy.

Closure of Paper Units

9046. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that many paper units in the country are on the verge of closure ;

(b) if so, the names of such paper mills ;

(c) the reasons of the sickness of those paper mills ; and

(d) the steps taken to revive those mills ?