

THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (c). Department of Science and Technology and its Dutch counterpart signed in July, 1985 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Scientific Cooperation between India and Netherlands. As a follow-up the Indo-Netherlands Joint Committee on Science and Technology met at New Delhi on March 3-4, 1986 and identified the following four areas for bilateral cooperation :

—Instruments;

—Anaerobic Waste Water Treatment of Pollution Control;

—Surveying and Mapping Technology; and

—Astronomy.

**Income ceiling regarding educational facilities to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes**

1396. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to raise the income ceiling of the parents of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes children, to provide educational facilities to them; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). The Ministry of Welfare has already raised the income ceiling of the parents/guardians from Rs. 500/- to Rs. 1,000/- p.m. (excluding house rent allowance) under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-matric Scholarships for the children of those engaged in unclean occupations. As regards the other Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-matric scholarships for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes students, a High Level Official Committee has been set up by the Ministry to examine the various aspects of

the scheme and give suitable recommendations regarding increase in the rates of scholarships, upward revision of the income ceiling of parents etc.

**Plant for manufacture of push-button telephone instruments**

1397. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a plant has been set up near Bangalore for the manufacture of push-button telephone instruments;

(b) what are the various kinds of telephones to be manufactured;

(c) the likely turn over of the plant; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Push-button telephones are manufactured by units in and around Bangalore.

(b) Decadic and Dual Tone Multi Frequency (DTMF) type telephones are to be manufactured.

(c) The licensed capacity of the plant is 5 lakh nos. each per annum.

(d)	Unit	Annual licensed capacity
(i)	Indian Telephone Industries.	5 lakh nos.
(ii)	Swede (India) Teltronics Ltd.	5 lakh nos.