

been launched ; and in respect of Department of Telecom. also the family pension cases are cleared expeditiously, except where there are disputes or where matters are pending in courts, etc. Recently 'Pension Adalats' have been convened for the speedy settlement of such cases.

Linking of Pithoragarh District through Earth Satellite Communication Service

2130. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a long standing demand for linking Pithoragarh district, Uttar Pradesh through Earth Satellite Communication Service ;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to set up an Earth Satellite Communication Centre in this district during the current Five Year Plan ;

(c) if so, by what time ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise to answer in view to answer at (b).

(d) Pithoragarh District is being connected to Bareilly Trunk Automatic Exchange through an ultra high frequency system during 1987-88.

Multi-Access rural radio system in Almora and Pithoragarh Districts in U. P.

2131. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce Multi-Access Rural Radio Sys-

tem at Almora and Pithoragarh districts of Uttar Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the reasons for delay in implementing it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposals for introduction of Multi-Access Rural Radio System (MARR) in Almora and Pithoragarh districts are under consideration. The number of Long Distance Public Telephones (LDPTs) proposed to be provided against these schemes are given below :-

Sl. No.	Name of the Base Station	Number of LDPTs proposed
1.	Almora	12
2.	Pithoragarh	14

(c) The required equipment is not available from indigenous sources in sufficient quantity.

Letter of Intent for setting up Industry in Pithoragarh (UP).

2132. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a letter of intent has been issued recently for establishing an industrial unit in Pithoragarh district of Uttar Pradesh ; and

(b) if so, the details of the unit to be set up and the progress made so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Under the provisions