

pur Thermal Power Station be handed over to them without its liabilities;

(b) whether Government have considered the proposal and if so, the results thereof;

(c) whether Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking has also sought permission to undertake a hydro-electric power project in Himachal Pradesh by paying royalty to the State Government; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and whether Government have received other proposals also from Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking; and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) No, Sir.

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise, in view of answer to (a) above.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of answer to (c) above. Government has also not received any other proposal from DESU to increase its generation capacity.

**Waiting list for telephone Connections in Bangalore**

3064. SHRI G. S. BASAVARAJU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the waiting list for about 30,000 telephones in Bangalore is proposed to be wiped out;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to set up three Electronic Exchanges in Bangalore very soon;

(c) the extent of coverage of the waiting list during 1986-87; and

(d) when the three Electronic Exchanges are likely to be set up in the Bangalore City ?

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

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) About 4,800 new telephone connections are being given during 1986-87.

(d) One Exchange of 10,000 lines at Malleswaram is likely to be commissioned during 1987-88 and two others progressively by 1990.

**Increase in production of Penicillin by public sector drug units**

3065. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government intend to increase production of Penicillin and its derivatives in the public sector units;

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard; and

(c) whether these steps would help these units to make profits ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present, in the public sector, only IDPL and HAL manufacture Penicillin. Both have taken steps to increase efficiency and capacity utilisation in their existing plants and are exploring possibilities of improvement in their technology.

(c) These steps to increase production of Penicillin would help in generating resources for the two companies.

**Financial assistance to Karnataka for rural electrification projects**

3066. SHRI S. M. GURADDI :  
SHRI G. S. BASAVARAJU :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :