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Production Line	Workforce employed	Likely date of phasing out	
		Commencement	Completion
A. Bangalore :			
1. Crossbar	2773	1987-88	1990
2. Strowger	4450	1989-90	1991*
B. Rae Barell :			
1. Strowger	4222	1989-90	1991
2. Crossbar (ICP)	2024	1994-95	1996*

*NOTE : Some production may continue for supply of spares etc.

No employee has so far been retrenched. It is proposed to absorb the employees likely to be rendered surplus in other production activities as far as possible which includes setting up of digital electronic switching factory at Bangalore.

Framing of Rules under Consumer Protection Act

170. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO :
DR. G. VIJAY RAMA RAO :
SHRI MANIK REDDY :
DR. B.L. SHAILESH :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which the rules will be framed by Government under the Consumer Protection Act, 1987;

(b) the reasons for delay in enforcing the Act; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to give publicity to the rights available to the consumers under this Act ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) The rules for carrying out

the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 have to be framed by the Central as well as State Governments. The Central Government has framed the rules which will be enforced after the enforcement of the Act. Guidelines have been issued to States for framing the rules by them.

(b) The Act will be enforced after consulting the State Governments/U.T. Administrations.

(c) The Government is making use of Doordarshan/AIR and news-media to create consumer awareness. National, Regional and State level seminars/workshops are organised to create consumer awareness.

Production of Natural Gas

171. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO :
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) total production of natural gas at present in the country;

(b) what would be the estimated production of natural gas by the end of 1989-90;

(c) Whether it is a fact that in North-Eastern region a concession has been given in gas price; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?