

and water requirements have been tied up.

The proposed project which was originally estimated to cost Rs. 1025.48 crores (excluding transmission system) is now expected to cost about Rs. 91.46 crores along with associated transmission system. An amount of Rs. 5.38 crores stands allocated in 1986-87 and a provision of Rs. 45 crores has been approved for 1987-88.

New Telephone Lines in Delhi Telephone Network

199. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new telephone lines added to Delhi Telephone network during 1986-87;

- (d)
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|-------------------|-------|--------|
| 1. Kidwai Bhavan | Fatex | 10,000 |
| 2. Karol Bagh | " | 10,000 |
| 3. Idgah | " | 10,000 |
| 4. Okhla (E) | MKP | 3,000 |
| 5. Shakti Nagar | " | 5,000 |
| 6. Delhi Gate RLU | " | 10,000 |
| 7. Laxmi Nagar—II | " | 9,000 |
| 8. Laxmi Nagar—I | " | 5,000 |
| | | 62,000 |

Waiting List for Telephone Connections in Delhi and other Metropolitan Cities

200. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the present waiting list for telephones in Delhi and other metropolitan cities as on 31.12.86;

(b) the year by which the telephone waiting list is expected to cleared;

(c) the steps taken to provide more

(b) whether Government have a proposal for further expansion in telephone connections during 1987-88;

(c) if so, the target fixed for the year 1987-88, if any; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV):

(a) The number of new lines added to the capacity of Delhi Telephones from 1st April, 86 to 17th February, 1987 is 63,400.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The target fixed for the year 1987-88 is 62,000 lines (capacity) in the Delhi network.

Fatex	10,000
"	10,000
"	10,000
MKP	3,000
"	5,000
"	10,000
"	9,000
"	5,000
	62,000

telephone connections in Delhi and other metropolitan cities; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV):

(a) The waiting list for telephone connections in Delhi and other metropolitan cities as on 31.12.86 is as under:

Bombay	2,04,780
Delhi	1,73,918
Calcutta	35,629
Madras	39,091

(b) The above list is expected to be cleared by middle of 8th Plan subject to the availability of adequate resources.

(c) and (d) Development Plans for the Seventh Plan period have been finalised for providing more telephone connections in Delhi and other metropolitan cities. This will however be subject to the availability of adequate resources. The 7th Plan with an outlay of Rs. 4010 Crore provides for provision of lines of switching capacity in Delhi 96000 lines, in Bombay 1,32,000 lines, in Calcutta 25,000 and 27,000 lines in Madras.

Agreement between India and U.S.A. to Improve Communication System

201. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the details of the plan to modernise the telecommunication system of H de abad metropolitan city as per the agreement reached between India and the U.S.A to improve communications system in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : There is no such Agreement between India and USA.

Agreements with Foreign Countries to Improve Telecommunication Services

202. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some agreements have been entered into with some foreign countries to improve telecommunication services in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the estimated amount to be incurred on the schemes; and

(c) the number of districts in Andhra Pradesh to be covered under this facility and by what time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Progress of Ramam Hydel Project Darjeeling

203. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal have moved the Union Government to accord sanction and provide funds for importing the necessary parts and equipments for completing the Raman Hydel Project in the district of Darjeeling; and

(b) if so, the progress thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) and (b) The proposal of the West Bengal State Electricity Board for import of generating equipment for Raman Stage—II Hydroelectric Project (50 MW) was considered but not found acceptable in view of the availability of indigenous equipment. The letter of intent has since been placed on M/s. B.H.E.L.

Commissioning of Telephone Exchange At Marcela, Goa

204. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which the proposed telephone exchange at Marcela, Goa would be commissioned; and

(b) the reasons for delay in the commissioning of the telephone exchange ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) :

(a) It is planned to instal a 50 line small automatic exchange at Marcela