

Delhi into Vanaspati Oil Research Institute;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount earmarked for this purpose; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir,

(b) and (c) Does not arise

(d) It was felt that it would be more appropriate that GSRF is developed into a R & D Centre of the Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation Ltd., a public sector undertaking

Power Requirement of Uttar Pradesh

8302 SHRI SWAMI PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated power requirement of Uttar Pradesh by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) the steps taken to meet the requirement in full ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) The estimated power requirement of Uttar Pradesh by the end of Seventh Plan is 6052 MW

(b) In order to reduce the gap between demand and supply, a number of measures have been initiated. These inter-alia include addition of 1794 MW new generating capacity during the Seventh Plan, improving the performance of thermal power plants through the renovation and modernisation of power stations and

reduction of transmission and distribution losses. In addition, the State will get its share from the Central Sector Projects

[English]

Digital Switching Systems for Handling Heavy Traffic in Major Telephone Districts

8303. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU
SHRIMATI MADHUREE SINGH :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has decided to shift to digital switching systems for handling heavy traffic in eight major telephone districts;

(b) if so, whether it has also been decided to computerise medium sized trunk exchanges;

(c) if so, the eight districts that will be covered under the digital switching system and the exchanges that will be computerised; and

(d) the countries that have been asked to supply the digital system and total cost of expenditure involved and to what extent it will improve the efficiency of the telephone system in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Yes Sir Digital Transit Switches to handle trunk traffic in the 8 stations are proposed to be procured through a global tender.

(b) Yes, Sir Indigenous equipment to computerise certain operations in the Trunk working are proposed to be installed in the 26 medium sized trunk manual exchanges