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I	2	3	4	5	6
11	Madhya Pradesh	5	30	_	2
12	Maharashtra	2	24		2
13	Meghalaya	_	2	_	
14	Orissa	2	8	_	2
15	Punjab	2	1		3
16	Rajasthan	4	17		3
7	Sikkim		1	-	
8	Tamil Nadu	1	5	2	3
9	Tripura	1	2	_	_
20	Uttar Pradesh	5	21	2	4
21	West Bengal	3	11	_	7
	UNION TERRITORIES				
1	Delhi	1	_	1	-
2	Goa, Daman & Diu	1	_	_	
	Total	47	192	8	46

Issue of Licences

8344. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA

SHRI TEJA SINGH DARDI ·

SHRIMATI BASAVARAJES-WARI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether average number of industrial licences issued last year is less than that during the previous years;

(b) if so, the detailed information in this regard; and

(c) the reasons for downward trend ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVEL-OPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUS-TRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) (a) to (c) The number of letters of intent and industrial licences issued during the last 3 years (year-wise) are given below '--

Year	Letters of Intent	Industrial Licences
1984	1064	905 (including 417 Carry-on-Business Licences)
1 985	1457	985 (including 544 Carry-on-Business Licences)
1986	1130	618 (including 107 carry-on-Business Licences)

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Besides the above letters of intent and industrial licences, as many as 2387 registration letters pertaining to de-licensed industries were also issued by the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals during 1986 as compared to 1167 such registration letters issued during 1985. Thus, it is mainly due to the de-licensing of a number of industries during the last 2 years that the number of letters of intent/industrial licences issued during 1986 has been slightly less as compared to the previous years.

Construction of Thein Dam

8345. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALLA : SHRI TREJA SINGH DARDI: SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI ;

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction work on Thein dam in Gurdaspur district is in progress;

(b) if so, the total estimated expenditure to be incurred on this project;

(c) the amount spent on it so far and the time by which the work on project is likely to be completed;

(d) whether an irregularities have come to the notice of Government in connection with construction work of this dam; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and action taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MIN-ISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The present approved cost of the project based on 1986 prices is Rs 760 crores.

(c) As reported by the Project Authorities, the total expenditure incurred upto 31.3.1987 is Rs. 238.24 crores. According to present indications, the first hydro power unit of the project is likely to be commissioned in September, 1991 and the subsequent 3 units after an interval of four months each, thereafter.

(d) and (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Targets fixed by Telecom Mission

8346. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMA-CHANDRAN : Will the Minister of COM-MUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the targets fixed, by the Telecom Mission, for increase in telephone connections during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether the targets can be achieved at the present rate of growth; and

(c) whether Government intend to raise the targets fixed for providing telephones in villages/urban areas during the Plan period, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) It is targetted to reach a level of 40 lakh local telephone connections by 1.4.1990.

(b) Yes, Sir. Subject to availability of adequate funds.

(c) Based on the approved outlay of Rs. 4010 Crores for the Telecom Sector for the Seventh Five Year Plan, the target for providing Long Distance Public Telephones in villages was set at 9000 and total local telephone connections in the country at 11 lakhs. In case more resources become available it will be possible to raise these targets to 15000 and 16 lakhs respectively.

Production of Cars fitted with Systems to Neutralise Exhaust Fumes

8347 SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE :