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**Automatisation of Telephone Exchange  
at Kozhencherry**

5052. PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to automatise the telephone exchange at Kozhencherry in the Pathanamthitta district of Kerala ; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be completed ?

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

(b) The exchange is proposed to be automatized during 1989-90 subject to availability of Equipment and exchange building.

**Divisional Office (Telephone) in  
Pathanamthitta district of  
Kerala**

5053. PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a demand has been made for the establishment of a Divisional Office of the telephone in Pathanamthitta district of Kerala ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

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

(b) Separate Telecom. District for Pathanamthitta is not yet justified.

**Introduction of Television Type  
Telephones**

5054. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in developed countries, television type telephones are introduced ;

(b) whether these new telephones work on the same basis as television works ;

(c) whether it is a fact that no underground cables are required for such telephones ;

(d) whether it is proposed to introduce this new type of telephones in metropolitan cities of India ; and

(e) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) No, Sir. In developed countries also television type telephones, called Video or Picture Phones, have been tried only experimentally.

(b) No, Sir. There are significant differences in their working.

(c) No, Sir. Underground cables are also required for such telephones.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to Part (d) above.

**Committee for Laying Norms for  
Manufacture of Drugs**

5055. SHRI P. R. S. VENKATESAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether an official committee has been set up for laying norms for phased manufacturing programme for drugs with import content and for drugs for which technology is well established in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the committee has submitted its report ; and

(d) if so, the main recommendations thereof and action taken thereon ?

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

(b) The composition of the Committee is as under :

(i) Dr. S. Ramaswamy, Dy. DG, DGTD..... Chairman

(ii) Representative of the Department of Science and Technology..... Member

(iii) Representative from the Department of Industrial Development (SIA) ... Member

(iv) Shri P. M. Mehta, Project Officer, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals..... Member Convener.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Theft of Platinum in Karol Bagh Telephone Exchange**

5056. SHRI SIMON TIGGA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some theft of platinum in Karol Bagh telephone exchange in New Delhi was reported in 1986 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps taken to trace the culprits to prevent such thefts in future ?

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

(b) In August 1986, during routine maintenance check of Karol Bagh Telephone Exchange, cutting of one tip of twin contacts of a number of relays having platinum tip were found cut and stolen.

(c) Despite thorough investigation through police and department, the Culprits could not be traced. Vigil in the exchange has been increased.

**Exploration of Oil at Rayalaseema in Andhra Pradesh**

5057. SHRI S. PALAKONDRA-YUDU : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the efforts so far made in the Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh (Kurnool, Cuddapah, Chittoor and Ananthapur districts) for the exploration of oil ;

(b) whether there is any possibility of oil being found in this region ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) to (c). These areas are not considered to be prospective for any meaningful exploratory effort.

**Purchase of Rice by Kerala from other States**

5058. SHRI K. MOHANDAS : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state ;