

6. Kolathur	35-45
7. Thazhekode	35-45
8. Edavannapara	45-90
9. Mankada	45-90
10. Anamangad	45-90
11. Kalikavu	45-90
12. Puzhakattri	45-90
13. Melattur	45-90
14. Tanur	90-200
15. Valancherry	90-200
16. Chelari	150-400
17. Tirurangadi	250-400
18. Perintalmanna	400-500
19. Tirur	800-1200

Pending Applications for Telephone Connections in Tamil Nadu

4648. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received for OYT/General Telephone connections from Tamil Nadu State;

(b) the number of telephone connections sanctioned so far in the above categories; and

(c) the number of applications pending in each category and how much time it will take to sanction the pending applications as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Price of Tractors

4649. SHRI R. M. BHOYE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to steep increase in the prices of tractors and other farm machinery, the farmers are unable to deploy these modern implements for the development of agriculture;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for allowing heavy increases in prices of tractors and other farm machinery frequently; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in bringing these implements and machinery within the reach of common farmers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a): There has not been any steep increase in the price of tractors and other farm machinery like Power tillers in 1987 compared to prices in 1986.

(b) Government does not exercise any statutory price control on agricultural machinery.

(c) Credit facilities have been provided to the farmers through Commercial Banks, Land Development Banks, Cooperative Banks and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development for financing the purchase of farm machineries. With a view to contain the price of Power tillers and tractors below 1800 cc engine capacity, Govt. have