

(c) the action being taken to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) and (b) Out of 32 development blocks in Bastar district, 30 are having telephone facilities. 12 Blocks are having telephone exchanges and remaining 18 are served by long distance public telephones. Out of these 18 long distance public telephones, 12 are working satisfactorily and balance are faulty. These are being attended to.

(c) Actions are being taken to restore the services of the remaining six.

[English]

Telephone Directory

1550. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether yellow pages telephone directory is being published by Bangalore Telephones;

(b) if so, when;

(c) the names of cities where yellow pages telephone directories are available and the cost involved;

(d) whether the above directory will be given free of cost to subscribers; and

(e) the source from which the cost of the directory is met ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) and (b) The work of publishing of Bangalore Telephone Directory has been awarded to a contractor who proposes to publish the main telephone directory alongwith Yellow Pages directory by May 1988.

(c) At no city such directories are available at present. However, directories by similar arrangements are expected to

be published at Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Kanpur, Jaipur, Ahmedabad and many other cities are expected to follow. The contractors are required to pay to the Department an agreed percentage of advertisement revenue subject to a minimum amount.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The cost of the directories is apparently being met by the contractors by advertisements.

Telephone connections in Bangalore City

1551. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of telephone connections in Bangalore City;

(b) the number of subscribers who have disconnected STD connections; and

(c) the reasons for the large scale STD disconnections ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) The total number of telephone connections in Bangalore city is 83,650.

(b) The number of subscribers who have got STD facility barred on their telephone is 25,706.

(c) The reasons seem to be that many Government offices and Business houses do not desire STD facility from all their telephones and want this facility to be available only for certain telephones. Some individual subscribers probably do not want STD facility for fear of its misuse by others without their knowledge or during their absence.

Study on thermal power generation and distribution by National Productivity Council

1552. SHRI LALITESHWAR PRASAD SHAHI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Productivity