

(c) Yes Sir.

Haldia Petrochemicals Project

1247. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR
MANDAL :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken on the Haldia Petrochemicals Project;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a fresh viability report has been asked on this project;

(d) whether the viability of this project was studied and cleared by both the Industrial Development Bank of India and the experts committee long back; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not clearing the project far and asking for a revised viability report ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALA RAO) : (a) to (e) While the letter of intent and approvals of foreign collaboration have been given, IDBI and the banks are considering various issues related to the project.

Import of foreign technology for telecommunication sector

1248. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a high level departmental study has been ordered into the various aspects of import of foreign technology for the telecommunication sector; and

(b) If so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

[Translation]

S.T.D. service from Barabanki district to metropolitan cities

1249. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to start STD service from Barabanki district in Uttar Pradesh to Delhi or other metropolitan cities during the current Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to start, STD service from Barabanki during this year; and

(c) If not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The connected works for providing STD facility are in progress and are not likely to be completed during this year.

[English]

Installation of new electronic telephone exchange at Vidisha

1250. SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to install a new electronic telephone exchange at Vidisha in MP.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Vidisha trunk exchange will be connected with trunk auto exchange, Bhopal for national dialling system; and

(d) If so, the details thereof ?