

(c) The number of selections made zone-wise during the year 1987-88 is as under:--

Name of the Zone	No. of selections made
West	79
East	201
North	214
South	244
Total	738

Telephone Services in Rourkela

9507. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telephone services in Rourkela in Orissa are deteriorating;

(b) if so, the steps taken to improve the telephone services in Rourkela; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir; on the other hand due to close monitoring and upgradation of external plant there is gradual improvement in the services.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise in view of reply against item(a) above.

Setting up of Petrochemical Projects

9508. DR. G. S. RAJHANS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any letters of intent or li-

cence have been issued recently for setting up of petrochemical projects in any State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c). No letter of intent for the setting up of any major petrochemical project has been issued in the recent past.

The last letter of intent for such a project was issued on 6.2.1987 in favour of Madras Refineries Limited(MRL) for setting up of an Aromatics Complex at Manali in Tamilnadu. MRL plans to set up this project as a joint venture.

[Translation]

Commercial Establishments of KVIC

9509. SHRIMATI VIDYAVATI CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the commercial establishments of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission are running in loss; and

(b) if so, the details of the expenditure incurred by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission on these commercial establishments during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Out of 139 trading units on 31.3.87 under Khadi & Village Industries Commission, only 35 units showed a net deficit. There was an overall surplus in the trading units of the Khadi & Village Industries Commission, during the last 3 years.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of Power Projects in private Sector in Kerala

9510. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state: