

- (ii) Installation of 2000 lines Electronic Exchange at Pathanamthitta during 1991-92.
- (iii) Installation of 1000 lines Electronic Exchange (RLU) at Kozhanchery during 1991-92.
- (iv) Installation of 500 lines Electronic Exchange (RLU) at Konni during 1991-92.
- (v) Expansion of Tiruvalla Exchange by 1000 lines (3000 to 4000) during 1991-92.

#### **Saudi Arabian offer to Set up Ethylene Unit in Joint Sector**

1978. SHRI NATAVARSINH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the Saudi Arabian offer to set up ethylene unit in joint sector in Saudi Arabia; and

(b) if so, whether Government have decided to accept the offer while taking into account the high cost of transportation and high degree of vulnerability of downstream industries depending on the import of ethylene from Saudi Arabia?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b). During recent discussions between officials of Government of India and Government of Saudi Arabia, proposal was mooted for setting up of joint ventures in the field of petrochemicals based on hydro-carbon feedstocks available with Saudi Arabia. The feasibility of setting up such joint venture projects is being studied and decisions will be taken on technology-economic and other relevant considerations.

#### **Proposal to set up petrochemical Complex at Visakhapatnam**

1979. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposals for set-

ting up a petrochemical complex at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh; and

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

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b). Some applications for the setting up of a petrochemical complex at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh have been received. Final decision on these applications will be taken in due course based on Techno-Economic considerations.

#### **Rates for Calls made after 9 P.M.**

1980. SHRI DAULATSINHJI JADEJA:  
SHRI SOMNATH RATH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the plan to charge only 25 percent of usual S.T.D. rates for calls made after 9 P.M.; and

(b) the reasons for not implementing this plan to generate more utilisation of telephone equipment and increase revenues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The work of technical modifications required in the telephone exchanges for introduction of the plan to reduce the S.T.D tariff between 10 P.M. to 6 A.M. for national S.T.D. calls to about 33% of the normal period is in progress.

(b) The plan will be implemented after completion of the modifications and other formalities.

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#### **Import of Telephone Equipment**

1981. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether equipment is being im-