

(Rs. in crores)				
Sl.No.	Name of the Project	State	Capacity in MW	Estimated Cost
1.	Teesta-III	Sikkim	1200	897
2.	Goriganga-I	U.P.	160	240
3.	Dhauliganga inter-mediate stage	U.P.	380	570
Total :			1740	1707

(c) The Eighth Five Year Plan is yet to be formulated. Efforts would be made to provide sufficient funds for the execution of the projects.

Interaction Between Lower priority Industries In non-core sector and coal Companies

4391. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU:
SHRI SHANTILAL PATEL:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited has underscored the need for effective interaction between low priority industries in the non-core sector and coal companies and other allied agencies to meet the consumers requirements without any individual prejudice;

(b) if so, what other points are being examined by the Coal India Limited in regard to the consumers grievances; and

(c) the steps being taken to meet the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) to (c). Coal India Limited has constitutional Coal Users Consultative Councils to provide a forum to coal consumers in the non-core sector to inter-act with coal compa-

nies and other concerned agencies on problems relating to coal supplies. Other steps being taken by Coal India Limited in regard to consumers grievances include setting up of Quality Control Organisation in each coal company, investigation of quality complaints for corrective action, installation of electronic weighbridges, coal handling and screening plants in a phased manner and segregation of extraneous material manually to the extent possible before despatch from the mines.

Automatisation of Telephone Exchanges

4392. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has set an ambitious target for the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plan periods;

(b) if so, whether it has decided to automatise all telephone exchanges during the Eighth Plan period; and

(c) if so, whether any scheme in this regard has been prepared, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) The Department of Telecommunications has prepared a perspective plan 2000 with the target of