Industrial Licences to SC/ST Communities

4626. SHRI HET RAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any reservation in the matter of issuing industrial licences to the persons belonging to the SC/ST persons;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVEL-OPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUS-TRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). Industrial Licences are given liberally to all eligible applicants. Further, in respect of a number of items there is total delicensing in respect of most other items upto Rs. 15 crores and Rs. 50 crores, depending upon the location there is no need for any licence. The question of reservation, therefore, does not arise.

Facilities to Subscribers on S.T.D. Calls

4627. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE: Will the Minister of COMMUNI-CATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. Delhi, in celebration of the consumers day, has introduced certain facilities to its subscribers on STD calls;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce such facilities to subscribers outside Delhi also; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. An STD/ISD call control facility has been introduced in some digital electronic exchanges (E-10B) on an experimental basis. Under the system, STD/ISD call facility can be activated/deactivated by the subscriber himself by dialling a code chesen and known to him.

(c) and (d). This facility has also been introduced on exprimental basis in some E-10B exchanges outside Delhi. It will be extended to all E-10B exchanges gradually after the success of the experiment.

Telephone Connections from Janpath Telephone Exchange

4628. SHRIMATI PRABHAWATI GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-TIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections released from the Janpath Telephone Exchange during the last 3 months;

(b) the date of priority in each category covered from Janpath exchange; and

(c) by when the waiting list will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The number of telephone connections released from the waiting list of Janpath Exchange during the last three months (from 1.12.88 to 28.2.89) is 318.

(b) The dates upto which waiting list in Janpath Exchange has been cleared for various categories are given below: