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	Ernakulam	- 1	Trichur	- 1
	Palghat	- 2	Malappuram	- 2
	Calicut	- 2 &	Cannanore	- 3

(d) The largest telephone systems in Kerala are Ernakulam, Trivandrum and Calicut.

(e) Equipped capacity/working connections/waiting list as on 31.3.1989 is given below:

<i>Station</i>	<i>Capacity</i>	<i>Working connections</i>	<i>Waiting list</i>
Ernakulam	28,174	26,204	10,475
Trivandrum	21,500	20,486	9,749
Calicut	17,700	14,208	4,367

Microwave link between Calicut and mangalore via Cannanore

8713. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on extending the microw-ave link from Calicut to mangalore via Cannanore has commenced;

(b) if so, when the link between Calicut and Cannanore is likely to be completed; and

(c) the anticipated benefits that are liely to accrue from this link?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) No, Sir. There is no such plan. However, there is a plan to replace the existing Narrowband aanlogue microwave link between Calicut and Cannanore by a 7 GHz 34 Mb/s digital microwave system. Orders for the import of the equipment have been placed.

(b) The equipment is liely to be received towards the end of 1989-90 and the work to replace the existing analogue link between Calicut-Cannanore is likely to be completed during 1990-91.

(c) The digital microwave link is expected to provide highly reliable circuits and the system is capable of further expansion,

[*Translation*]

Inclusion of food Processing Industries in Khadi and Village Industry Sector

8714. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA
SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to include food processing industries in Khadi and Village Industry sector;

(b) whether any comprehensive programme has been chalked out to implement

this proposal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) (a) Food processing industries are already included under the purview of Khadi and Village Industries Commission. These are processing of Cereals & pulses processing of Palmgur, Gur & Khandsari and processing & preservation of fruit and vegetables.

(b) and (c). Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Production and consumption of LPG

8715. SHRI BALWANT SINGH
RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of LPG produced, consumed and imported during 1988-89; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to augment indigenous production of LPG to match the current as well as prospective demand so to avoid dependence on imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) The quantity of LPG produced, consumed and imported during 1988-89 is about 1751.40 thousand tonnes, 1980.0 thousand tonnes and 240.50 thousand tonnes respectively.

(b) Indigenous production is expected to increase in the coming years with the setting up of new refineries/fractionation plants and augmentation of production from a few existing refineries by expansion or

otherwise.

[English]

Journalists accompanying VVIPs on Foreign Tours.

8716. SHRI C. JANGAREDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to his reply given on 15 November, 1988 to unstarred Question No. 501 and state:

(a) the names of the Journalists who accompanied the Prime Minister during his foreign tours during the last three years and the current year, visit-wise and the names of papers which each of them represented:

(b) the names of the journalists (and of their papers) who accompanied to President/vice-President in their foreign tours during the same period, and

(c) whether the guidelines followed for the selection of journalists in the two cases varied and if so, in what respects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.K. TEWARY) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Quotations for Kawas Dulhasti and Rihand Power Projects from Abroad

8717. SHRI C. JANGAREDDY:
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether quotations for execution of the Kawas, Dulhasti and Rihand power projects were re-invited from foreign firms recently;