

Nagpur Telephone Exchange

8793. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telephones of the Nagpur Telephone Exchange are not functioning properly;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received during the month of January, February and March 1989;

(c) the time likely to be taken by the authorities to set right the telephones and

(d) the progress made so far in setting up the electronic telephone exchange at Nagpur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No Sir.

(b) Number of complaints per 100 telephones per month is as under:-

January, 1989	-	31
February, 1989	-	29
March, 1989	-	27

(c) Telephones are restored as soon as possible. Majority of the telephone faults are removed before the next day.

(d) Installation of electronic telephone exchange is in progress and is planned to be commissioned by the end of June, 1989.

Coal Deposits in Nagpur Districts of Maharashtra

8794. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new coal deposits have been found in Nagpur district of Maharashtra during the past few months;

(b) if so, the progress of the exploration work so far; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to boost exploration of coal there?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c). No, Sir. No new coal deposits have been found in the Nagpur district of Maharashtra during the last few months. Exploratory drilling has been taken up in new blocks of Nagpur district. The drilling work undertaken in the district has increased from 10400 metres in 1987-88 to 17000 metres in 1988-89. A total of 24000 metres has been programmed for drilling in 1989-90.

Telecom Facility in Anandpur Sub-Division of Orissa

8795. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Anandpur sub-division of Keonjher district, Orissa has been lagging behind in telecommunication facilities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the 100 line capacity telephone exchange at Anandpur is almost defunct; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to make it functional and also to improve the telecommunication facilities at Anandpur in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.