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Linking of Satna (Madhya Pradesh) with other Cities by S.T.D.

4125. SHRI AZIZ QURESHI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was any proposal or programme to connect Satna District (Madhya Pradesh) with other cities of India by S.T.D. Telephones ;

(b) if so, the upto date progress and causes of delay ; and

(c) how long it will take to connect Satna District with the rest of India by STD system ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Switching equipment at Satna has been installed. The transmission system for linking Satna is under execution. Satna is likely to be connected on STD to important cities of the country during the 7th Plan period.

Import of Transmission Technology

4126. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether transmission technology in digital electronic communication is being imported ;

(b) if so, whether he is aware that Indian Telephone Industries, Bangalore has developed many of these technologies ; and

(c) if so, the reasons for importing these very technologies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) M/s. ITI have not developed complete range of technologies required for digital transmission equipment.

Investment of KVIC in Certified Institutions

4127. SHRI ATISH CHANDRA SINHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the investment of Khadi and Village Industries Commission in their different direct listed and certified institutions in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamilnadu, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal as on 30th June, 1985 ;

(b) how many institutions in West Bengal have been brought under direct list of the Commission in the last three years and how many institutions have been given certificate during the same period in West Bengal and what is the comparative figure in the case of Maharashtra ;

(c) whether it is a fact that no new institutions are now being inspected for giving certificate of the Commission in West Bengal ; and

(d) how many institutions have been inspected in the last one year and how many of them have been certified ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Availability of Gas in South Bassein

4128. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether natural gas available from South Bassein fields will be adequate as feedstock for the ten new fertilizer factories and their captive power plants plus there 500 MW each non-captive power plants proposed along the Hazira-Bijapur-Jagdishpur pipeline route ;

(b) if not, how do Government propose to meet the demand for natural gas by these units ; and

(c) whether more gasfields in South Bassein fields are proposed to be opened up during the Seventh Five Year plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (c) The natural gas available from the South Bassein fields will be adequate to meet the feedstock and captive power requirements of eight new fertilizer plants. It is proposed to develop a few satellite fields of South Bassein to meet the gas requirements of two gas-based power plants proposed along the HBJ pipeline route.

Electronic Exchange at Saifabad in Hyderabad

4129. SHRI D. N. REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the electronic exchange at Saifabad in Hyderabad will be completed this year ;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay ; and

(c) when this exchange is likely to be commissioned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. It is likely to be commissioned during the current financial year.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The installation of the Exchange is in progress and as stated in para (a) above, the exchange is expected to be commissioned during the current financial year.

Shortage of Blankets

4130. PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry is facing shortage of blankets as the orders placed on Government and semi-Government institutions have remained unfulfilled ; and

(b) if so, facts in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prior to 1979, three types of blankets, namely, type 'A', 'B' and 'C' with different specifications were being procured. In 1979, revised specifications were laid down prescribing only two types of blankets, namely, type 'A' and type 'B'. It was also decided to procure type 'A' blankets made only of 100% virgin wool of 40s grade quality. This was done with a view to ensuring better quality of blankets for the Army. With this specification, the life of the blanket is expected to be about 5 years which is important in view of the fact that replacement of blanket is now being done on the life cycle concept. Currently, there is a shortage of woollen blankets largely due to inadequate availability of wool of the requisite specifications needed for manufacture of type 'A' Blankets.

Serious efforts are, however, being made with the help of Departments of Textiles and Supplies as well as the State Governments concerned to bridge the gap.

Five Year Law Course

4131. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to switch over to Five Year Degree Course in law ;

(b) if so, the date of its coming into effect ; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARADWAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Sick Cylinder Manufacturing Units

4132. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :