

2. **Baroda.** 1,000 lines expansion of the Cross-bar exchange is programmed to be commissioned in 1977-78. Further expansion of this exchange by 3,000 lines has also been planned and is expected to be commissioned in 1979-80 when the present demand is expected to be met.

3. **Surat.** Expansion of Surat System by 1000 lines and 1200 lines have been programmed in the current financial year and the next financial year respectively. A new exchange of initial capacity 3000 lines has been planned to be set up in Textile Market area for which a new building is to be constructed. This building is expected to be ready by 1982-83 and the exchange is likely to be commissioned in 1983-84.

4. **Rajkot.** There is sufficient capacity available to meet the present demand. For meeting the future demands, extension by 1200 lines is planned in 1979-80.

5. **Bhavnagar.** The existing capacity is adequate to meet the present demand. 300 lines extension is targetted to be completed during 1977-78. Further expansion of this exchange will be suitably planned depending on the demand that is expected to arise.

(c) and (d), The number of applicants under OYT Special Category including Doctors who are awaiting connections is as under:

	Total Demand pending under special category
1. Ahmedabad . . . . .	1204
2. Baroda . . . . .	120
3. Surat . . . . .	29

4. Rajkot . . . . .	1
5. Bhavnagar . . . . .	4

For every 100 connections released to meet the demand in waiting list, 10 are reserved for Non-OYT, Special Category. This reservation is expected to meet this demand more or less.

**Mosquitoes in Ahmedabad**

1562. **PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the people of Ahmedabad, particularly those living in the southern region and on the banks of the river Sabarmati are constantly and irritably harassed by the mosquitoes, breeding in the vicinity of the municipal sewage farm; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to improve and remedy the situation permanently?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAJ NARAIN): (a) and (b). Yes, the Ahmedabad Corporation authorities are already undertaking aerial spray with organophosphorus insecticides to reduce the menace temporarily. Permanent remedy lies in provision of a sewage treatment plant to treat the sewage and let the treated water into the river. Sewage should not be allowed to be used for grass cultivation.

**Employment for unemployed**

1563. **SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:** Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABAOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed persons in the country upto March, 1977, State-wise;