

Waiting list for Telephone connections in major cities

794. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps in the last few months to wipe out the waiting list for telephone connections in major cities; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government has taken steps to meet the telephone demand at all places in the country including the major cities. At the beginning of the year, i.e., on 1-4-77, there was a waiting list of about 1,52,000 in the 19 large cities in the country. It is hoped to provide about 1 lac new telephone connections in these places during the current financial year. Of these, approximately 33,000 connections have been provided during the first 6 months of the year.

Labour unrest in Faridabad, Bombay-Poona and Madras Industrial Areas

795. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the industrial areas of Faridabad, Bombay-Poona and Madras have been victims of widespread labour unrest in the last six months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps have been taken to remove the cause of this unrest; and

(d) whether Government suspects organised sabotage in these areas and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) to (d). The Government has received re-

ports of industrial unrest in the industrial areas of Faridabad, Bombay-Poona and Madras during the last six months. The matter essentially falls in the State sphere.

Bonus to Workers of Burhampur Tapti Mills

796. SHRI PARMANAND GOVINDJIWALA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state whether Bonus has been given to the workers of Burhampur Tapti Mills, an undertaking of N.T.C.?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): Bonus for 1976-77 is reported to have been paid to the workers of Burhampur Tapti Mills.

Losses in Hindustan Zinc Ltd., Udaipur

797. SHRI PARMANAND GOVINDJIWALA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Hindustan Zinc, Udaipur the average treated ratio for the zinc cathode to calcine is only 0.39 which is 25 per cent less than the normal efficiency;

(b) is it not also a fact that due to below normal efficiency Hindustan Zinc has incurred a loss of Rs. 40 lakh from June 1976 to February 1977; and

(c) the steps taken to stop the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) to (c). The average ratio between zinc cathode and calcine during 1976-77 was 0.46 (and not 0.39) against the normal ratio of 0.50 attainable. The reduced recovery was mainly due to disruptions that occurred in the process of change-

over from the old batch leaching/purification process to sophisticated continuous process, and trial runs of the expanded smelter.

2. Due to reduced recovery the quantity of zinc which found its way into the 'Moore Cake' (which is the leaching and purification residue) was more than normal. The 'Moore Cake' is being accumulated, and will be treated by the company for recovery of zinc. Action has already been initiated for getting the requisite know-how for recovery of zinc from the accumulated 'Moore Cake'.

3. The operations of the expanded smelter at Debari are gradually stabilising, and the recoveries during the current year have improved very considerably.

सौराष्ट्र में टेलिक्स एक्सचेंज

798. श्री बर्मसिंह भाई पटेल : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या गुजरात राज्य के सौराष्ट्र प्रदेश में धारोजी, जूनागढ़ और बेरावल नगरों में नये टेलिक्स एक्सचेंज खोले जायेंगे;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ये एक्सचेंज कब तक कार्य आरम्भ कर देंगे और प्रत्येक टेलिक्स एक्सचेंज के अधीन कितने टेलिक्स टेलीफोन होंगे; और

(ग) क्या सौराष्ट्र प्रदेश के अन्य नगरों में भी नये टेलिक्स एक्सचेंज स्थापित करने का विचार है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो किन-किन नगरों से और उन नगरों में कब टेलिक्स एक्सचेंज स्थापित हो जायेंगे और प्रत्येक एक्सचेंज के अधीन कितने टेलिक्स टेलीफोनों की व्यवस्था करने का विचार है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नरहरि प्रसाद सुखदेव सई) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) ऐसी योजना है कि 20-20 लाइनों की क्षमता के तीनों टेलिक्स एक्सचेंजों को वर्ष 1978-79 में चालू कर दिया जाये ।

(ग) और (घ) सौराष्ट्र क्षेत्र में नये टेलिक्स खोलने का फिलहाल कोई अन्य प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

पोरबंदर में डाक छंटाई कार्यालय

799. श्री बर्मसिंह भाई पटेल : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गुजरात के औद्योगिक नगर पोरबंदर में डाक छंटाई कार्यालय स्थापित करने में देरी होने के क्या कारण हैं;

(ख) यह कार्यालय कब स्थापित हो जायेगा; और

(ग) इस सम्बन्ध में अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नरहरि प्रसाद सुखदेव सई) : (क) उपयुक्त भवन के उपलब्ध न होने और कुछ छोटी-मोटी स्टाफ की समस्या के कारण पोरबंदर में छंटाई डाक कार्यालय नहीं खोला जा सका ।

(ख) उपयुक्त भवन के उपलब्ध हो जाने पर पोरबंदर में तुरन्त छंटाई कार्यालय स्थापित कर दिया जाएगा ।

(ग) पोरबंदर में एक छंटाई कार्यालय स्थापित करने के आदेश जारी कर दिये गये हैं । इस कार्यालय के लिए एक इमारत प्राप्त करने के लिए सभी कोशिशें की जा रही हैं ।