

Percentage break-up of People seeking Telephone Connections:

3184. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people seeking telephone connections and put on waiting list and its percentage break-up for over 10 years, 8 to 10 years, 6 to 8 years, 4 to 6 years, 2 to 4 years and below 2 years;

(b) out of the above the number of people who have deposited money under the OYT scheme and waitlisted;

(c) what are the reasons for which the Department has not been able to render quick service; and

(d) whether any target date and work schedule is fixed for clearing the waiting lists and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) and (b). Waiting list of applicants who have made advance deposits as on 31-1-1978 is as follows:

OYT	33,751
Non-OYT	1,66,099
Total	1,99,850

Information about percentage breakup for over 10 years, 8 to 10 years etc. is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c) The limited resources both money and materials available did not permit meeting demands promptly in all places. Within the resources available higher priority is given to meet demands at smaller stations. This has resulted in accumulation of demands in larger cities. Most of the pending demands are concentrated in large cities except a few cases of very long connections in some smaller stations.

(d) It is hoped to provide connections to majority of existing applicants by 1-4-80 except in a few pockets in large cities and very long distance connections at smaller places

Agreement between India and Mongolia

3185. SHRIMATI PARVATI DEVI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement between India and Mongolia has been concluded recently in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. KUNDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the visit to India of the Mongolian Foreign Minister between 6th to 10th February 1978, two agreements were concluded. One related to trade between the two countries and replaced the earlier agreement which was signed in 1968 and extended periodically. Trade between India and the Mongolian Peoples Republic would in future be carried on in free foreign exchange.

The other agreement provides for exchanges between the two countries in the fields of cooperation in science, technology and culture. A concrete programme of such exchanges for the years 1978-80 under this agreement has also been signed in Ulan Bator by our Ambassador towards the end of February.

गत तीन वर्षों में भारत एल्यूमिनियम द्वारा एल्यूमिनियम का उत्पादन

3186. श्री घर्मांसिंह भाई पटेल : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1977-78 के दौरान भारत एल्यूमिनियम कम्पनी लिमिटेड