

(b) how many new telephone connections Government propose to provide during 1973-79 and 1979-80?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN):**

(a) The number of new telephone connections provided in the Maharashtra State during the year 1977-78 was 34,020. The district-wise figures are at Annex-I.

(b) 38,478 new telephone connections were provided in the Maharashtra State during 1978-79. About 30,000 new telephone connections are expected to be provided during 1979-80.

#### Statement

Number of telephone connections opened during 1977-78 in Maharashtra State, district-wise

1	2	3
1. Ahmednagar . . . .		278
2. Aurangabad . . . .		200
3. Amravali . . . .		199
4. Alibag . . . .		286
5. Akola . . . .		258
6. Bhandara . . . .		138
7. Bhir . . . .		125
8. Buldhana . . . .		320
9. Chanda . . . .		155
10. Dhulia . . . .		342
11. Jalgaon . . . .		307
12. Kolhapur . . . .		386
13. Nanded . . . .		193
14. Nagpur . . . .		965
15. Wasih . . . .		602
16. Osmanabad . . . .		132
17. Parbhani . . . .		169
18. Poona . . . .		3,646

1	2	3
19. Ratnagiri . . . .		147
20. Sargli . . . .		225
21. Satara . . . .		248
22. Sholapur . . . .		386
23. Thana . . . .		1,939
24. Wardha . . . .		195
25. Yeotmal . . . .		106
26. Bombay . . . .		21,883
	Total . . . .	33,830

#### Refund of Deposits by D.D.A.

659. SHRI D. L. BAITHA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA is not taking any action on applications submitted to it for refund of amounts deposited by people for flats under New Pattern HUDCO scheme, in September, 1979;

(b) the number of applications received by DDA by the end of February, 1980 for refund under special circumstances;

(c) the number of cases expedited by DDA till now; and

(d) whether Government propose to direct DDA to ensure early refund in genuine cases?

**THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) 394.

(c) and (d). The Delhi Development Authority has intimated that it has

far disposed of only 19 cases because it had first to screen the applications numbering about 1.72 lakhs for registration and to bring the deposit, on record. Now that this phase is completing, the pace is being accelerated of the disposal of applications for refund of the initial deposit, made by the registrants. Government, therefore, do not propose to issue any direction to the Delhi Development Authority in the matter.

#### Development of Tughlakabad Extension Area of Delhi

660. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DDA Corporation has approved any Plan to develop in the near future the Tughlakabad Extension area; and

(b) if so, when the authorities are going to provide the basic facilities like Water, Sewerage and Electricity to the inhabitants of Tughlakabad Extension?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b). The Delhi Development Authority and Municipal Corporation Delhi have reported that no development plan to provide basic facilities like water, sewerage and electricity to the inhabitants of Tughlakabad Extension has yet been prepared.

#### Visits of Foreign Cultural Troupes

661. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign cultural troupes which visited India during the last 3 years;

(b) the names of troupes and names of cities where the troupes were invited, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of foreign troupes were not invited in Eastern part of India particularly in Calcutta, Patna and Bhubaneswar; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). A statement is attached.

(c) and (d). Foreign performing cultural troupes visited various parts of India, including Eastern part during the last three years. On a number of occasions they performed in Calcutta. Performances were also given in other cities of eastern India, viz, Patna, Bhubaneswar, Bokaro, Ranchi and Gauhati. The itinerary of visiting cultural troupes is determined on the basis of availability of particular type and size of stage and lighting arrangements; air transportation facilities for carrying heavy equipment of the troupes which visit India for short durations; appropriate hotel and food arrangements in the city of visit and availability of suitable organisation to present the shows.

#### Statement

*Foreign performing Cultural Troupes which visited India during 1977, 1978 and 1979*

S. No.	Name of the troupe	Places visited
1	2	3
1977		
1	30-Member Puppet Theatre from Hungary	Delhi, Chandigarh, Jaipur, Baroda, Surat and Bombay.
2	45-Member Central Children's Theatre Troupe from USSR	Delhi, Lucknow, Patna, Bhubaneswar and Jaipur.