

(c) During the last three years, the following stations of West Bengal have been linked to Delhi through STD:—

District	Station	Year of commencing	Outgoing STD Code from Delhi	Incoming STD Code to Delhi
Midnapore	Kharagpur	1977	0329	011
Calcutta	Calcutta	1977	033	011
Darjeeling	Silliguri	„	0353	011
Burdwan	Burdwan	„	0324	011
Midnapore	Haldia	D/C	0342	011
Burdwan	Durgpur only	1977	0343	011
Burdwan	Asansol	1980	03224	011

Theft of store in Delhi Telephone District

4001. SHRI CHANDRABHAN ATHARE PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether stores worth several lakhs of Rupees were stolen some-time back in Delhi Telephones District;

(b) if so, the approximate value of these stores, the *modus operandi* of the theft; the efforts made to recover them and fix responsibility for the loss to the Exchequer;

(c) whether some officers involved were suspended and if so, the total amount of suspension allowance and other allowances paid to them till 1-7-1980; and

(d) the measures taken to prevent such losses in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. The Central Bureau of Investigation investigated a case of loss of Stores worth Rs. 5.5 lakhs in 1974. The stores were taken out of the Central Stores Depot, Delhi by producing fake requisitions by certain officers. On the basis of the C.B.I. report and on the advice of the Central Vigilance Commission, sanction for prosecution have been issued against the officers/officials concerned. The result of the prosecution case is awaited.

(c) Yes Sir. The total amount of subsistence and other allowances paid to them was Rs. 2,24,583/- upto 1-7-1980.

(d) Preventive vigilance measures have been taken including the setting up of Vigilance Flying Squads in Delhi Telephone District.

Review of Rural Development Policy

4002. SHRI AMARSINH V. RATHAWA: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to review rural development policy in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO):

(a) Yes, Sir. Government are reviewing on-going rural development programmes in the context of the formulation of the rural development strategy for the 6th Five-Year Plan.

(b) Since the review and formulation of the new strategy are yet to be completed, it is difficult to furnish details at this stage.

Drinking water for Districts of Maharashtra

4003. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water supply schemes for Veral, Vaked Salhe