

Statement—II

Gross area irrigated from tubewells and other wells

(Thousand Hectares)

State	Tubewells	Other wells
Andhra Pradesh	164	897
Bihar	1206	271
Haryana	1185	29
Karnataka	(a)	430
Madhya Pradesh	38	840
Punjab	2940	126
Rajasthan	27	1705
Delhi	29	6
Dadras and Nagar Haveli	1
Pondicherry	23	(a)
Jammu & Kashmir	4	1
Tripura

(a) Below 500 hectares.

Note: Similar information have not yet been become available from other States.

Setting up of new factories for manufacturing telecommunication instrument

2681. SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to put up new factories to manufacture telecommunication instruments;

(b) if so, at what cost and names of States;

(c) whether Government propose to import any instrument for immediate use in the department; and

(d) if so, at what cost and the importing country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) and (b). Government have decided in principle to set up two large electronic switching equipment factories each with an annual production capacity of 5 lakh lines during the eighties (1980—90) at an estimated cost of Rs. 60 crores each. No decision has yet been taken on the location of these factories. As far as telephone instruments (used in subscribers' premises) are concerned, the increase in P&T requirements is proposed to be met by augmenting the production capacities in the existing factories of the Indian Telephone Industries.

(c) Keeping in view the widening gap between the indigenous production and demand of telecommunication equipment, inevitable import of certain items of telecommunication equipment for some time to come, is contemplated. However, the full requirements of telephone instruments will be met by indigenous production.

(d) The anticipated foreign exchange for imports during the years 1981-82 and 1982-83 is expected to be about Rs. 70 crores and Rs. 80 crores respectively. The countries of import will be decided on each item based on competitive offers received against tenders.

Check on Prostitution

2682. SHRI SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH:
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Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to set up volun-

tary bodies in the Capital and other States to check prostitution; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Since the Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act is implemented by the State Governments/Union Territory Administration, the Ministry of Social Welfare has no proposal to set up bodies in the Capital and other States of check prostitution. However, voluntary organisations working in the field are eligible for financial assistance under a scheme of Central government for running Short Stay Homes which provide temporary shelter to women and girls who are in social and moral danger. At present six such homes are being run on a pilot basis under the scheme.

महिलाओं में साक्षरता

2683. श्रीमती वृष्णा साहू : क्या शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत की महिलाओं में साक्षरता की प्रतिशतता क्या है ; और

(ख) उनमें क्रमशः प्राथमिक, माध्यमिक और उच्चतर स्तर की शिक्षा प्राप्त महिलाओं को प्रतिशतता कितनी है ?

शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्री (श्री एस० बी० चव्हाण) : (क) और (ख). रजिस्ट्रार जनरल के कार्यालय द्वारा प्रकाशित 1971 की जनगणना के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, भारत की महिलाओं में साक्षरता की प्रतिशतता (0-4 आयु वर्ग को छोड़ कर) 21.97 थी। उन महिलाओं की प्रतिशतता, जिन्होंने प्राथमिक, माध्यमिक और उच्च शिक्षा तक अध्ययन किया क्रमशः 7.15, 1.46 और 0.32 थी।

Production of Automatic Switching Equipment

2684. SHRI K. B. CHOUDHARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:
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(a) the quantum of indigenous production of automatic switching equipment in the country annually;

(b) what criteria is used in replacing the existing manual exchange by automatic ones; and

(c) whether Government have proposal to introduce automatic exchange at Bijapur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) The annual indigenous production of automatic switching equipment is as under:—

- (i) Local exchange equipment —
about 1.30 lakh lines.
- (ii) Trunk automatic exchanges
junct on equipment, Traffic —
relief, Telex, STD, LOD etc.
about 0.64 lakh
equivalent lines.

(b) The Government has been keen to automatise the manual exchanges as early as possible. However, the Department is handicapped in pursuing this programme due to the inadequate availability of automatic exchange equipment in the country. The present production is not sufficient even to cater for the expansion of the existing automatic exchanges.

Urgent steps are being taken to augment the production of automatic exchange equipment in the country. It is hoped that supplies from augmented production will start becoming available only during 1983 onwards.

Despite this temporary set back, the Departments objective continues to be eventually to automatise the local telephone service through the country. As a step towards this objective and within the limitations of availability of automatic telephone exchange equipment, a phased programme is being undertaken to replace the existing exchanges by automatic in the following cases:—

- (i) All manual exchanges at State Capitals and District Headquarters.