

### Manufacture of modern design telephone Instruments

2358. SHRI GHULAM MOHAMMAD KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Telephone Industries Ltd. propose to manufacture about a million telephone instruments of modern design;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the period during which increased production of telephone instruments will be undertaken; what are the production centres; what is the present demand of telephone instruments and how far the expansion programme will meet the requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Telephone Industries Ltd., Bangalore, in consultation with P&T Department had invited offers of collaboration for manufacture of 1 million telephone instruments and 1.5 million critical sub-assemblies of contemporary design, in its two factories at Naini and Bangalore. After prolonged and thorough field trials of the proven models and the technical evaluation of tenders received, the offers of two foreign companies were recommended by a Technical Evaluation Committee consisting of experts from P&T and I.T.I. Action for the final selection of the collaborator and for sanction of the Project, etc., are in progress.

(c) The production is scheduled to commence from January, 1983, subject to the necessary sanctions being accorded by Government by the end of this year. Full production capacity is expected to be achieved by 1985-86.

The feeder unit manufacturing the critical components is proposed to be located at Bangalore and the units manufacturing the other components and assembling the telephones at Bangalore and Naini.

The total projected demand of telephone instruments of the P&T Department as well as non-P&T subscribers for the year 1981-82 is 5.44 lakhs. With the expansion planned as indicated above, Indian Telephone Industries Ltd. will be able to meet the requirements during the Sixth Plan period.

### Demand by Multinational Drug Companies for Hike in prices of Bulk Drugs

2359. PROF. RUP CHAND PAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) how many times Government had conceded the demand of multinational drug companies for hike in prices of bulk drugs during the last three years; and

(b) what is the actual cost of production of those 52 bulk drugs and how prices thereof are fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 which was promulgated effective 31st March, 1979 incorporates the pricing decisions contained in the new Drug Policy Statement laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha on 29th March, 1978. The Order provides for revision in prices of drugs from time to time. The policy and Procedure for revising the prices of drugs under the said Order was approved by the Government only in August 1980. Thereafter the revised prices of 154 bulk drugs out of about 200 indigenously produced price controlled bulk drugs have already been announced by the Government. There