

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
WEST BENGAL							
All Minerals : Value			9171485		9865227		11169655
Apatite	Tonne	9390	6911	8080	6663	7398	5687
Clay (Others)	Tonne	648	13	724	14	86	3
Coal	000 t	16609	9113502	17238	9777795	19430	11102750
Dolomite	Tonne	105179	11492	137148	15337	140586	14633
Fireclay	Tonne	44326	3359	35339	2792	55527	3275
Kaolin (Total)	Tonne	109911	36208	120225	62626	112792	43307
Limestone	000 t	0	0	0	0	0	0

[*Translation*]

Income after Modernisation of Flights

*575. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has not been expected increase in the income, despite the modernisation of the domestic flights;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether private airlines are charging less fare and giving more facilities to the passengers as compared to public airlines; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage more passengers in Indian Airlines and increase the income ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Despite modernisation of fleet, Indian Airlines has been suffering losses since 1989-90 due to grounding of A-320 fleet, decline in market share after the entry of private operators and exodus of pilots.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Conversion of Old Telephone Exchange

*576. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH :
SHRI HARIN PATHAK :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of old system exchanges i.e. strouser/ Cross Bar/Manual, etc. converted into Electronic Telephone

Exchanges during each of the last three years (till date), State-wise and location-wise;

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon during the above period, State-wise, district-wise;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any Action Plan for conversion of Old Telephone Exchanges into Electronic Exchanges;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of Exchanges proposed to be converted into Electronic Exchanges during 1996-97 and 1997-98, State-wise alongwith their locations ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) The information about the locations of the old technology exchanges converted into electronic exchanges and expenditure incurred on them is not maintained separately. During last three years, about 3500 exchanges of old technology have been replaced by new electronic exchanges throughout the country.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As per the 8th Plan objective, all existing MAX-III and MAX-II (L.F. type) and other worn out/life expired electro-mechanical exchanges are to be replaced with electronic exchanges by March, 1997. Remaining electro-mechanical exchanges are to be replaced progressively on expiry of their useful life.

(e) About 200 old technology exchanges are to be replaced by electronic exchanges during the year 1996-97 in different States. The location of each exchange and the Plan for the year 1997-98 has not been finalised.