

(b) if so, whether the tender contained among other items G.I. wire, Iron and scraps, P.V.C. cable, copper wire, ACSR wire;

(c) whether it is a fact that the prices accepted for the above items in the tender are about 70 per cent lower than those obtainable in the open market;

(d) whether the name of the tenderer Contractor is Black-listed in other Units of this Department;

(e) how much worth of 'Unserviceable stores' has been lifted by the contractor till the end of January, 1982, whether the full payment has been made; and

(f) whether Government have investigated into this tender to expose corrupt practices, if so, the results thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) These being scrap items, a ready comparison of prices of the different types of these materials with those obtainable in the open market is not possible.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The following stores have so far been lifted by the contractor till the end of January, 1982 and for which payments have already been realised from the contractor :—

Material	Quantity
G.I. Wire	17,840 kgs.
Post Material	4,690 kgs.
ACSR wire pieces	5,032 kgs.
PVC cable pieces	329 kgs.

(f) The matter is under investigation.

### Telephone Faults due to Faulty Instruments

2588. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that 40 per cent of the faults detected in telephones were due to faulty instruments; and

(b) if so, steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard, with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). About 30% to 40% faults are due to faults in instruments. Components and technology employed in the Telephone instruments are constantly kept up dated. I.T.I. has recently introduced the improved version of telephone instruments coded-677 having better performance.

Telephone instruments are tested at regular intervals and faulty telephone instruments are replaced by good, tested instruments.

### टेलीफोनों का बकाया बिलों पर सरचार्ज

2589. श्री रास प्यारे पनिका : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि टेलीफोनों के बकाया बिलों पर सरचार्ज लगाने का प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और उससे कुल कितनी आय प्राप्त होने की संभावना है ;