

Manufacture of Advanced Equipment for Telephones By Indian Companies

2702. SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any agreement with any foreign country or company to have advanced technological know-how and the instruments for telephones, if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many Indian Companies have submitted proposals for advanced equipments for telephone in India, together with the names of such companies;

(c) what action has been taken on their proposals; and

(d) is it a fact that Indian companies are not allowed or encouraged to manufacture advanced equipments for telephones in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No agreement has been made by any public sector undertaking with a foreign country or company for transfer of advanced technological know how for manufacture of telephone instruments.

(b) The Indian Telephone Industries, a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Communications and the Karnataka State Electronics and Development Corporation, a State Government Undertaking have submitted proposals for transfer of know-how for collaborative manufacture of modern telephone instruments.

(c) These proposals are under examination of the Government.

(d) Government have decided that the production of telecommunication

equipment would be undertaken only by 100% Public Sector Companies.

Supply of Refinery Products through Pipelines

2703. SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) how many refineries are connected by pipe line for speedy distribution of their products;

(b) whether there is a proposal to connect Cochin Refinery through pipeline with Coimbatore, Madras or any other cities of the South for speedy supply; and

(c) if so, when the same is expected to be taken up, at what cost and the expected date of completion of the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Apart from some refineries having single product pipelines covering short distances, there are six refineries connected with multi-product pipelines for speedy distribution of their products. Besides, the Mathura refinery will also be connected with such a multi-product pipeline.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Delay in Delivery of Mail

2704. SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that there were undue and long delays in delivery of mails in recent months; if so, the reasons thereof; and