

(ख) और (ग). पहले ही 3000 टेलीफोन तथा 18 लम्बी दूरी के सर्व-जनिक टेलीफोन प्रदान किए जा चुके हैं। शेष लाइनों पर कार्य प्रगति पर है। वर्ष के आरम्भ में कुछ कमी थी परन्तु हाल ही में भंडारों की सप्लाई में सुधार हुआ है और यह आशा की जाती है कि अधिकतर लक्ष्य प्राप्त किए जा सकेंगे।

News Item captioned "Dial 100 for silence"

3704. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item "Dial 100 for silence" appearing in the 'Indian Express' of 3 March, 1982 highlighting the non-working and non-functioning properly of emergency telephones like Police, Fire, Ambulance etc., and making known to Public the other telephone numbers installed with these Emergency Services; and

(b) if so, reaction of Government thereto; and details of action taken to improve matters?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) P and T Department provides only the technical arrangement for these services. Manning of these emergency services is done by the respective department viz., Police for '100' Fire Service for '101' and Hospital authorities for '102'.

Special attention is already being paid to these services. As a routine, the equipment for these services is checked 6-8 times a day and as soon as any fault is encountered it is rectified.

The other telephone numbers of the police and Fire Brigade have been indicated in the alphabetical list of the Telephone Directory.

Project of Joint Indo-Nepalese River Projects

3705. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state the progress so far made with regard to the Joint Indo-Nepalese river projects involving Karnali and Pancheshwar rivers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): Regarding Pancheshwar project, India and Nepal have agreed that the investigation work shall be carried out jointly by the two countries. Government of India have sanctioned an amount of Rs. 5 crores for carrying out these investigations. The investigation for the projects have been entrusted to Central Water Commission and are in progress.

During the Karnali Committee meeting held in January, 1981, it was agreed by India and Nepal to undertake a comprehensive study of the Karnali (Chisapani) project, under the joint sponsorship and ongoing supervision of both countries. It was also agreed to appoint a mutually acceptable international consultant to undertake these studies. The terms of reference for the appointment of the consultant have to be jointly finalised by both the countries.

Proposal to Foreign Exchange on Soda Ash

3706. SHRI SAJJAN KUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether soda ash which is selling below cost price in India is also being imported and a huge amount of foreign exchange is being spent; and

(b) if so, the amount spent on the import of soda ash during the last two years?