

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Waiting list for new telephone connections in Ahmednagar, (Maharashtra)

778. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on waiting list for new telephone connections in Ahmednagar, (Maharashtra State) as on 30.6.1982;

(b) since when they are on the waiting list and upto what period the list has been cleared;

(c) what effective steps Government are taking for giving new connections; and

(d) by what time the waiting list is expected to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The number of applicants on waiting list in Ahmednagar as on 30.6.82 is as under:

O.Y.T.	Special	General	Total
16	41	629	686

(b) The waiting list under OYT, Special and General categories has been cleared upto 10.6.82, 9.12.82 and 12.3.83 respectively. The earliest application was waiting since 7.12.79.

(c) It is proposed to give about 50 connections from existing capacity

and more when capacity is further augmented by 600 lines during 1982—85.

(d) The current waiting list (i.e. as on 30.6.82) is expected to be cleared by 1985.

Modernization of Telephone Industry at Bangalore and Naini

779. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total investment on replacement of the old equipment and modernisation of the available facilities in Indian Telephone Industries, Bangalore Complex for current Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the amount so far spent during last three years on modernising the Telephone Industries at Bangalore and Naini; and

(c) the details of the steps so far taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c). An allocation of Rs. 13 crores has been made towards replacement/modernisation during the current Five Year Plan (1980—85) for Bangalore Complex of Indian Telephone Industries Ltd. (ITI). The amount so far spent on replacement/modernisation in Bangalore and Naini units of ITI, during the last three years is as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82
Bangalore Complex	481	382	619
Naini Unit	20	95	38

The projects for modernisation/replacement are prepared by ITI and are sanctioned by the appropriate authority. These projects are execut-

ed by them within the resources allocated. The Ministry monitors these projects from time to time to ensure their satisfactory execution.