

**Linking of Budaun District in U.P. with Delhi and Lucknow by S.T.D.**

837. SHRI MOHAMMAD ASRAR AHMAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to link Budaun district in Uttar Pradesh with Delhi and Lucknow and other important cities by STD;

(b) if so, the present position thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which such a proposal will be considered and implemented?

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

(b) and (c). The scheme has been sanctioned and orders have been placed for the equipment. Part of the equipment has been received and the work has already commenced.

**Expenditure on payment of advertisements given to periodicals**

838. SHRI MOHAMMAD ASRAR AHMAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Urdu, English, Hindi and other language periodicals magazines, daily, weekly, bi-weekly and fortnightly newspapers published during 1979-80, 1980-81, 1981-82 and current year (State-wise language-wise and year-wise as also category-wise); and

(b) the total amount of money incurred in payment of advertisements given to these periodicals, newspapers and the amount spent on each category of periodicals and newspapers (language-wise, year-wise and category-wise) during the aforesaid period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). The

information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Generation of additional power during 1982-83**

839. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to generate 3480 MW additional power in 1982-83; and

(b) what particular steps have been taken to minimise the slippages which have been a common phenomenon in the past, with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to speed up the commissioning of the power projects, construction Monitoring Directorates have been set up in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) to closely monitor the various activities of the projects. Coordination and review meetings are regularly held in the CEA with the project authorities, equipment suppliers and manufacturers, construction agencies etc. A close watch is kept on all constraints for corrective action. CEA's senior officers visit project sites and take up the matter with the appropriate authorities for removing the bottlenecks. Review meetings are also held in the Department of Power for appropriate action with the State Governments as well as at the Level of the Union Government Meetings of Power Ministers of States at the level of Minister for Energy, are also been held at National level at which the commissioning of ongoing power projects are reviewed for taking remedial action.

**Proposal to impose 'Development cess' on Coal Production**

840. SHRI CHITTA BASU:  
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under consideration any proposal for