

Installation of INTELSAT

3514. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one transponder abroad—the international Satellite (INTELSAT)—has been looked for a period of one year from 1 November, 1982 at a cost of Rs. 1.9 crore as hiring charge to provide live TV coverage of the Asian Games;

(b) if so, by what time the same is likely to be installed;

(c) whether any surety for its continuance and good service has been checked in advance; and

(d) if so, whether any surety in this regard has been provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A TV transponder of INTELSAT has been hired

for a period of one year w.e.f. 1.11.82 at the rental of US \$ 1.9 million equivalent to about Rs. 1.82 crores.

(c) and (d). As per assessment, this transponder is expected to provide satisfactory service and be available during the period of hire.

Development of Telephone Services in North Eastern Region

3515. SHRI AJOY BISWAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the schemes to be taken up during the sixth plan period for the development of telephone services in the different States and union territories in the North Eastern region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): The tentative proposals for the development of Telephone services during the 6th Plan in the different States and Union Territories in North Eastern region are indicated in the Annexure.

Statement

	Arunachal Pradesh	Asam	Manipur	Meghalaya	Mizoram	Nagaland	Tripura	Total
Excesses to be taken up								
Telephone Exchanges	21	61	19	12	13	22	7	155
Increase in equipped capacity	1720	12435	1535	3075	1360	2170	1105	23400
Increase in Direct Exchange Lines	1600	11630	1400	2850	1250	2025	1035	21790
Increase in Long Distance Public Tele-phones	30	200	40	18	30	40	50	408