

(d) what is the number of applications pending for new telephone connections in each exchange as on 31st December, 1982; and

(e) if so, the number of new connections likely to be issued during the current year ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL) : (a) There are 49 telephone exchanges functioning in Delhi. The information regarding working connections in each exchange as on 31-3-1983 is given in Annexure-I Laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6488/83]

(b) The following 3 new exchanges are expected to be installed during 1983-84 :

- (i) Chanakyapuri ... 10,000 lines.
- (ii) Ballabgarh ... 15,000 lines.
- (iii) Idgah-IV ... 10,000 lines.

(c) Following expansions in the capacities of the existing exchanges are likely to be provided during 1983-84 at Delhi :

- (i) Faridabad—1200 lines (3900—5100 lines).
- (ii) Shahdara East—II—1000 lines (1000-2000)
- (iii) Haus Khas—I—1600 lines (5000-6600 lines)
- (iv) Janpath—II-1000--lines (4000—5000 lines)
- (v) Ghaziabad—II—2000 lines (2000 . 4000 lines)
- (vi) Tis Hazari—III—10000 lines (10000—20000 lines)
- (vii) Shaktinagar—10000 lines (10000—20000 lines)

(d) The information is given in Annexure—II, Laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library see No. LT—5488/83]

(e) About 35,000 connections are likely to be provided during 1983-84.

Broadcast of recitation of Vedas Scriptures, Geeta and Ramayana from Amritsar, AIR

8681. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the people of Amritsar have demanded the broadcast of recitation of Vedas, Scriptures, Geeta, and Ramayana from the Durgayana Temple at Amritsar by All India Radio ; and

(b) if so, the action to be taken in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Representations to such an effect have been received from certain organisations.

(b) The Jullundur Station broadcast musical renderings of excerpts from the Ramayana once a week in its morning transmission for a duration of 15 minutes. Over and above this, there is no proposal to relay Bhajan Keertan from Durgayana Temple.

Broadcast of Vedas, Geeta and Ramayana from Rohtak, AIR

8682. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether people of Haryana have demanded that Vedas, Geeta and Ramayana recitations should be broadcast from the Rohtak All India Radio Station; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Sometime back a demand that Vedic recitation be broadcast by the Rohtak Station was made by an organisation in Haryana.

(b) The daily 'Chintan' programme even now includes Vedic chants and recitations from other scriptures. These have an universal appeal and are broadcast with a commentary in Hindi.

Power Generation Capacity at the end of 1982, State-Wise

8683. SHRI MOHAN LAL PATEL : SHRI BHOGEN DRA JHA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the power generation capacity of each State by the end of the year 1982;

(b) what has been the actual generation by each State during the said period :

(c) what is the target fixed for power generation of each State during the year 1983; and

(d) what measures are being taken to meet the target and also to increase the generation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) The power generating capacity in the country by the end of 1982 was 33135 MW. State-wise generating capacity is given at Annexure-I. Laid on the table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No.LT-6489/83.

(b) The actual generation in each State during the year 1982 is given at annexure-II. Laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-6489/83]

(c) The State-wise power generation programme for the year 1983 is given at Annexure-III. Laid on the Table of the the House. [Placed in Library, See No. LT. 6489/83]

(d) Following measures are being taken to achieve the target of generation during 1983 :—

(i) Commissioning of additional generating capacity is being expedited.

(ii) Performance of thermal Power Stations is being further improved.

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8684. श्री दया राम शाक्य : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय पूरे देश में शहरवार, कितनी गैस एजेन्सियां हैं और इनमें से कितनी गैस एजेन्सियां अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति के व्यक्तियों को आबंटित की गई है, और तत्संबंधी पूर्ण ब्यौरा क्या है ।

(ख) क्या गैस एजेन्सियां देते समय सरकार ने आरक्षण नीति का पालन किया है और यदि हाँ, तो क्या अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लिए आरक्षित कोटा पूरा किया गया है, और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार का विचार निकट भविष्य में नयी एजेन्सियां अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति के व्यक्तियों को प्राथमिकता के आधार पर आबंटित करने का है जिससे कि उनके लिये आरक्षित कोटा पूरा किया जा सके ?

ऊर्जा मंत्रालय के पेट्रोलियम विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गार्गी शंकर मिश्र) : (क) 31-12-1982 की यथा स्थिति को देश में एल०