

such proposal has been received from the Government of Kerala. However, the State Government have proposed certain scheme to be taken up through State Development Corporation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. One of the schemes proposed to be executed through the Corporation is 'Housing for Harijans'. A final decision in the matter has yet to be taken by the Planning Commission.

Applications for Telephone connections in various districts of Kerala

1582. SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THANKAPPAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether applications for new Telephone Connections in almost all Districts of Kerala State are pending for disposal since October, 1973; and

(b) if so, the reasons for delay and the steps Government are taking in deciding the cases?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR):

(a) Yes.

(b) Delay is due to shortage of exchange equipment, cable and line stores. There is an overall shortage of resources in the country and as such time lag in provision of connections after receipt of applications is unavoidable.

Production of T.V. sets and Magnetic Tapes

1583. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the reports that International Giants in Electronics like Murphy, Philips and Polydor in collaboration with Birlas are trying to corner the production and market for T.V. and Magnetic Tapes in the country; and

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to counter this move?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b). None of the three parties M/s. Murphy, Philips and Polydor has been granted licence for the production of T.V. sets or Magnetic Tapes in the country. The question of their cornering production of these items does not therefore arise. Attention of the Government has been drawn to the advertisement of one of the Companies to market Magnetic Tapes produced by another party. The matter is under examination of Government.

Sales made by Indian Telephone Industries Limited

1584. SHRI E. V. VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the break-up of the value of sales made by the Indian Telephone Industries Limited, Bangalore during the period from 1st January to 31st October, 1973 in the Home market as well as in foreign market, country-wise; and

(b) the value of total imports made for manufacturing items sold by the Indian Telephone Industries either in the form of equipment or raw material together with the names of the countries from which imports were effected?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) The value of sales made by the Indian Telephone Industries Ltd., Bangalore, during the period from 1st January to 31st October, 1973 in India was Rs. 3196 lakhs approximately, and the value of exports during the same period was Rs. 29 lakhs approximately. Information regarding country-wise exports during the period is given in the attached statement.