

**Production Capacity of Telephone Lines**

4942. SHRI SHIV KUMAR SHASTRI:

SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has a production capacity of two lakhs fifty thousand telephone lines yearly;

(b) whether the capacity has been achieved;

(c) if so, in which year; and

(d) if not, the yearly production for the last three years in the different systems?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The production capacity is actually in excess of 2.5 lakhs lines per year.

(c) and (d). The yearly production of telephone exchange equipments for the last three years has been as follows:—

Year	Strowger Automatic Exchange equipment (equivalent lines).	Crossbar Automatic Exchange equipment (Jorbagh pattern lines).	Manual Exchange Equipment lines	Private Manual Branch Exchange Equipment. in equivalent lines.	Trunk Board Equipment in equivalent lines.
1971-72	1,33,370	80,000	38,290	24,435	59,880
1972-73	1,28,042	94,000	40,326	26,187	56,520
1973-74	1,28,478	98,500	37,560	39,847	56,470

**System Selection Committee**

4943. SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during 1973 a System Selection Committee was set up; and

(b) if so, the names and designations of different members of the System Selection Committee?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA): (a) and (b). The Government appointed, with effect from 9-4-1974, a Technical Team consisting of the following members, for evaluating all available common control switching systems including the Indian Crossbar (Upgraded Pentaconta

System) with a view to recommending the most appropriate system for further production:

1. Shri K. D. Viadya, Deputy Director General, P&T Board, New Delhi (Leader).

2. Shri G. T. Narayan, Director of Telegraphs, Office of the General Manager, Projects, Calcutta.

3. Shri Ajit Dutt, Chief Materials Manager, Indian Telephone Industries Ltd., Bangalore.

4. Shri G. N. Muthuswamy, Director (TA), P&T Directorate, New Delhi.

5. Shri N. T. Taskar, Director (Technical), Department of Electronics, New Delhi.