

**Increasing Demand for Telephones  
In Orissa**

5580. SHRI BALDHAR BEHERA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for telephones in Orissa State has greatly increased;

(b) if so, the steps taken to meet the increasing demand; and

(c) the number of applicants which are in the waiting list at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) The demand for telephones in Orissa State has been higher this year as compared to the previous year.

(b) A second automatic exchange of 1000 lines has been opened recently in Rourkela Township. Exchanges at Berhampore, Sambalpur and Cuttack are proposed to be expanded during the current year. It is also planned to replace the existing manual exchanges at Bhubaneswar and Cuttack by large automatic exchanges in early 1970.

(c) Approximately 2,800.

**Direct dialling Schemes between  
Delhi and other cities**

5581. SHRI D. N. PATODIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of various direct dialling schemes introduced between Delhi and other cities in the course of last two years and the dates of introduction of these schemes;

(b) whether it is a fact that in most of the cases, the lines are reported out of order during day hours and it is very difficult to obtain line on direct dialling;

(c) the number of hours during last six months on which the lines were reported out of order for different cities according to the records kept by the Telephones Department; and

(d) whether necessary arrangements exist for maintenance and repairs and in what manner Government propose to improve the working of direct dialling system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Subscriber Trunk Dialling system was introduced from Delhi to the following stations on the dates shown against each:—

Meerut	5-2-1966
Jullundar	15-3-1966
Simla	19-11-1966
Ahmedbad	7-4-1966
Jammu	16-9-1967
Srinagar	18-11-1967

(b) No. It is not a fact that the lines are reported out of order during day hours. It is found that, with the introduction of Subscriber Trunk Dialling, there is a tendency for traffic to increase out of all proportion to what it was before and, as a result, there is some congestion during the busy hours.

(c) The number of hours during the last six months on which the lines were reported out of order is indicated below:

Delhi-Meerut (Co-axial)	27 hrs. 16 minutes
Delhi-Jullundar	27 hrs. 16 minutes
Delhi-Simla (Micro-wave)	9 hrs 23 minutes
Delhi-Ahmedbad (Co-axial)	154 hrs 8 mts.
Delhi-Jammu (Micro-wave)	41 hrs 24 mts
Delhi-Srinagar	173 hrs. 44 mts

(d) Arrangements do exist for maintenance and repair of Subscriber Trunk Dialling Circuits. The following steps are being taken to improve the Subscriber Trunk Dialling Scheme.

(i) Addition of more circuits to meet the traffic as permitted by the limited resources available to the Department.