Telephones for Panchayat Samiti Offices, Orissa

755. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka: Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Panchayat Samiti Offices in Orissa provided with telephones as on the 31st January, 1966; and

(b) the number of Panchayat Samiti offices in that State to be provided with telephones during 1966-67?

The Minister of State in the Departments of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri Jaganatha Rao): (a) 130 Panchayat Samiti Offices in Orissa have been provided with telephone, (Public Call Offices) facilities as on the 31st January, 1966.

(b) 5 Panchayat Samiti Offices are proposed to be provided with telephone (Public Call Offices) facilities during February-March 1966 and 16 more during 1966-67 subject to the availability of stores in time.

Cost of Living Index

756. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena: Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Will the Minister of Labour, Employment and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost of living index in Delhi is rising; and

(b) if so, the nature of the rise during 1965-66?

The Minister of Labour, Employment and Rehabilitation (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) The Consumer Price Index for Delhi has been generally rising but there were also periods during which it fell or remained steady.

(b) A statement showing the Consumer Price Index Numbers for Industrial workers in Delhi as compiled by the Labour Bureau, Simla, is given below. Figures for the period after December 1965 are not yet available.

Month/Year	Index Number on original base 1960-100	Index Number on base shifted	
		1944-100	Aug. 1939-100
January 65	135	213	556
February, 65	133	210	548
March, 65	130	205	535
April, 65	131	207	540
May, 65	130	205	535
June, 65	132	209	545
July, 65	134	212	553
August, 65	137	216	564
September, 65	137	216	564
October, 65	135	213	556
November, 65	157	216	564
December 65	138	218	569

Polytechnics for Women

757. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena: Shri Ramachandra Ulaka;

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Polytechnics for

women at present in the country State-wise; and

(b) the number of Polytochnics for women proposed to be opened in the country during 1966-67 State-wise?