

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to provide telephone connections to the remaining persons?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) (a) the required information is being

collected and will be placed on the table of the House.

(b) and (c) the details are enclosed statement.

(d) necessary equipment and materials will be arranged to provide telephone connections to the remaining persons during 1997-98

#### STATEMENT

Sl No.	Name of Telephone District	Name/s of Revenue District covered	Waiting list (as on 30-11-96)			Telephone connection proposed for remaining period of 1996-97*
			OYT	NOYT	Total	
1.	Chengalpattu	Chengalpattu MGR	102	13223	13325	4297
2.	Coimbatore	Coimbatore	586	49724	50310	13245
3.	Nilgiris	Nilgiris	26	5071	5097	3199
4.	Cuddalore	Villupuram Vallalar	378	16803	17181	4406
5.	Dharmapuri	Dharmapuri	449	10175	10624	4112
6.	Erode	Periyar	58	26669	26727	14643
7.	Karaikudi Ramnethpuram	Pasumpon	225	11216	11441	4940
8.	Kumbakonam	Nagapattinam Qemilad (prt) Tanjavur (Prt)	155	11409	11564	1374
9.	Madurai	Madurai Dindigul Anna	109	31726	31835	13437
10.	Nagarcoil	Kanyakumari	164	14821	14985	6076
11.	Salem	Salem	281	38213	38494	8573
12.	Thanjavur	Thanavur (Prt) Nagapattanam-Oemilad (prt)	496	15119	15615	6250
13.	Tirunelveli	Nellai Kattabomman	15	10722	10737	5841
14.	Trichy	Karur Pudukottai Perambalur	1360	36596	37956	17653
15.	Tuticorin	V.O. Chindambaranar	34	10545	10579	2931
16.	Vellore	Ambedkar Sambuvarayar	196	22387	22583	7110
17.	Virudhunagar	Kamarajar	28	8838	8866	3660
18.	Chennai	Chennai	5809	97353	103162	50539

Note :- Telephone connections are to be provided category-wise in the ratio 60:40 for OYT and NOYT categories respectively.

[English]

#### Implementation of Employment Assurance Scheme

2964. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have implemented the Employment Assurance Scheme;

(b) if so, since when and the names of States where this scheme is being launched;

(c) whether the scheme has been extend upto Orissa;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the entire State has been covered under the Scheme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the districts which have so far been covered?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (f). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Train Services Between Bangalore and Ahmedabad

2965 SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any train running between Bangalore-Ahmedabad via Hubli;

(b) if not, whether the Government propose to run a train at least once in a week on the above route; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Shortage of Aircrafts

2966 SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines is unable to operate fully its flights due to shortage of aircrafts;

(b) whether some routes of operation touching various important Industrial stations in UP have been closed down or are proposed to be closed;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Indian Airlines has received a number of requests for operating these flights in such important Industrial towns;

(e) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(f) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Indian Airlines operations to Kanpur, Gorakhpur and Allahabad were withdrawn w.e.f. 20th May, 1992.

(d) and (e). Requests have been received for resumption of air services to Allahabad, Gorakhpur and Kanpur.

(f) Due to commercial and operational constraints, Indian Airlines has no plans, at present, to resume operations to these stations. However, private operators are encouraged to add new stations including Kanpur, Allahabad and Gorakhpur.

[Translation]

#### Products of Bokaro Steel Plant

2967. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the targets fixed by SAIL for products of the Bokaro Steel Plant have been achieved;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years end the current year, so far, product-wise;

(c) whether the sale of these products was achieved as per the fixed targets during the above period;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the quantum of pig-iron produced during the last three years and the places where the same iron has been consumed alongwith quantum thereof; and

(f) the details of the revenue earned from the sale of pig-iron during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (f). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Replacement of old Railway Tracks

2968. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent on the replacement of old Railway tracks of Northern and North-Eastern Railway during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96; and

(b) the details of expenditure incurred on converting metre gauge lines into broad gauge during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Gross amount spent under the Plan Head Track Renewal during the relevant years on these Railways was as under :-

	(Rs in Crores)	
	Northern	North-Eastern
1993-94	239.16	84.19
1994-95	194.01	53.41
1995-96	226.94	53.95

(b) Gross expenditure incurred under the Plan Head 'Gauge Conversion' During the relevant years on these Railway was as under :-

	(Rs in Crores)	
	Northern	North-Eastern
1993-94	189.55	41.20
1994-95	195.05	128.49
1995-96	38.59	162.46