

1	2	3	4	5	6
30.	Joggigappa Bridge	2000.00	2790.00	1244.00	6034.00
31.	Ministry	1218.00	3209.00	7298.17	11725.17
32.	BRDB	5100.00	6300.00	7031.00	18431.00
33.	NHAI	2000.00	7179.00	20000.00	29179.00
34.	Other Institutions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Total		131180.00	144230.00	212334.83	487744.83

Import of Zinc Skimming or Ash

1745. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Zinc Skimming or Zinc Ash and secondary Zinc has been cleared as non-hazardous material;

(b) if so, whether the R.A. Mashelkar Committee constituted by the Ministry has recommended its imports under OGL;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to implement these recommendations;

(d) the basis on which zinc dross or non-ferrous scraps have been cleared under O.G.L.; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not clearing zinc skimming on the same basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI) (a) No Sir. No such clearance has been given for zinc skimming, zinc ash and secondary zinc as non-hazardous materials.

(b) and (c) The Government has constituted a Technical Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, Director General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, to advise the Ministry of Environment and Forests on hazard characterisation and prioritisation of hazardous wastes with a view to regulate and manage the imported and indigenously generated wastes. The final report of the Committee has not been received. However, from April 1995, with the amendments to the EXIM Policy, import of hazardous wastes has been restricted to actual users. The Government has not recommended the

placement of zinc ash, zinc skimming and zinc wastes under Open General Licence (OGL).

(d) and (e) Zinc dross and non-ferrous scraps have been kept under OGL on the basis of recoverable metal contents. On the other hand, zinc skimming contains lower concentration of recoverable metal and there is presence of contaminants.

Assistance to Sexually Harassed Women

1746. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been chalked out by the Government to give financial assistance to the sexually harassed and helpless women to lead an independent life; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) Although there is no such scheme exclusively for sexually harassed and helpless women, they are given preference under the ongoing schemes of Employment and Income generation among women e.g. Support to Employment programmes for women and Women's Economic Programme.

Automatic Digital Exchanges

1747. SHRI BIJOY KUMAR BIJOY :
SHRI DATTA MEGHE :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Automatic Digital Exchanges in the country, State-wise and Union Territory-wise; and

(b) the number of villages proposed to be connected with the telephone and the said exchanges proposed to be set up during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA):

(a) As on 31.3.98, the number of automatic digital exchanges functioning in the country are 23053. State/ Union Territory-wise details are given in the Statement enclosed.

(b) Not yet finalised.

Statement

		No. of automatic digital Exchanges
1		2
A. States		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1988
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	68
3.	Assam	297
4.	Bihar	851
5.	Goa	68
6.	Gujarat	1429
7.	Haryana	775
8.	Himachal Pradesh	609
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	246
10.	Karnataka	2143
11.	Kerala	799
12.	Madhya Pradesh	2725
13.	Maharashtra	2880

		1	2
14.	Manipur		30
15.	Meghalaya		45
16.	Mizoram		41
17.	Nagaland		35
18.	Orissa		759
19.	Punjab		986
20.	Rajasthan		1605
21.	Sikkim		25
22.	Tamil Nadu		1481
23.	Tri-pura		50
24.	Uttar Pradesh		2075
25.	West Bengal		829
B. Union Territories			
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands		23
2.	Chandigarh		10
3.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli		7
4.	Delhi		140
5.	Daman & Diu		5
			(Daman 3, Diu 2)
6.	Lakshadweep		10
7.	Pondicherry		19
Total			23053