

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of State</i>	<i>New Telephone connections planned to be given during 1991-92</i>
18.	West Bengal including Sikkim State and Andaman & Nikobar Islands.	50725
19.	Delhi (U.T.)	70169
Total		700331

[English]

Working of C-DOT

5097. SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH;
SHRIPRABHU DAYALKATH-
ERIA;
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA
KUMARI;
SHRI RAMESH CHAND
TOMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the C-DOT is not realising its original objectives despite liberal rules to facilitate the time bound programme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial action taken proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Realisation of original objectives of development of next generation of digital switching system and maximising usage of indigenous components is being achieved progressively by C-DOT. Following the philosophy of modular approach, C-DOT has successfully designed

private automatic branch exchange, rural automatic exchange and main exchange upto capacity of 10,000 lines. C-DOT has established a competent R&D Organisation and contributed significantly towards productionisation of C-DOT designed equipment by a number of manufacturers in the country. There has been some delay in development of larger size main exchange.

(b) Design and development of modern digital switching system is a complex task and C-DOT had to start this activity from scratch as it was a newly established organisation. Time taken by C-DOT for development of digital switching system compares favourably with development of a similar product by other organisations.

(c) All efforts are being made to expedite the development programme. C-DOT has already reviewed the status of its projects and programme for their completion has been worked out.

Import of Telephone Exchanges and Instruments

5098. SHRI KARIA MUNDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the foreign exchange spent on im-