

(c) The Department of Telecommunications has formulated draft 8th Five Year Plan for telecommunication development and it is envisaged:

to provide telephone connections on demand in rural and tribal areas;

that waiting period for telephone connections not to exceed two years in large systems.

Accordingly, expansion plans are being drawn to fulfil the above objectives during the 8th Plan period.

(d) The number of public telephone booths established during the last three years in Sonapat district:

| | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|
| S.T.D. | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Local Public Telephones | 8 | Nil | 18 |

Stopping of Production of new Programmes by Doordarshan

2896. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of new programmes has been stopped by the Doordarshan since the last four months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the names of new programmes produced by Doordarshan during the last five months and by when these are likely to be telecast?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND

BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRLJA VYAS):
(a) No, Sir. Doordarshan continues to produce programmes as per their requirements.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) All Doordarshan Kendras with programme production facilities regularly produce and telecast programmes on various themes/subjects in different formats. No centralised list of such programmes is maintained.

Shortage of Power in Gujarat

2897. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several industries have closed down due to shortage of electricity in Surat and Baroda districts of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the number of such industries during the last three years; and

(c) the action taken for providing adequate electricity in Surat and Baroda districts of Gujarat during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATHRAI): (a) and (b). During the period April-October, 91, the energy shortage in Gujarat was 3.5%. Power supply to various consumers is decided by the State authorities, keeping in view the overall demand for power and its availability. Industrial production/performance of industry depends upon various factors such as availability of raw material, demand for the product, industrial relations, management efficiency etc., and power shortage is only one of the contributing factors.