indicate a tendency to gloss over the main issue which is Pakistan's single-minded pursuit of a clandestine nuclear weapons programme by wilful violation of US laws.

[Translation]

Telephone Exchanges in Mandsaur and Ratiam Districts of Madhya Pradesh

585. DR. LAXMI NARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have been urged to increase the capacity of various telephone exchanges in Mandsaur and Ratlam district of Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) whether some telephone exchanges are proposed to be converted into electronic exchanges;
- (c) if so, the telephone exchanges whose capacity is proposed to be in-

creased and the exchanges which are proposed to be converted into electronic exchanges; and

(d) the time by which these works are likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) It is proposed to expand 6 (six) telephone exchanges and to convert 9 telephone exchanges into Electronic in Ratlam District. The details are at Statement I.

It is proposed to expand 9 exchanges and to convert 11 exchanges into Electronic in Mandsaur District. The details are at Statement II.

(d) The works at (c) above are planned to be completed during 1991-92.

STATEMENT I

Ratlam District

(a) Exchanges planned to be expanded

Sl.No. Station	Type	Expansion capacity
1. Ratlam	X-Bar	1000 lines
2. Bamnia	Electronic	88 ,,
3. Karamdi	••	88 ,,
4. Rampur	,,	88 ,,
5. Dodhar	,,	88 ,,
6. Shivgarh	,,	32 "

(b) Exchanges planned to be converted to Electronic

Sl.No. Stations	Present type	Conversion to
1. Alote	Manual 200 lines	Electronic 264 lines
2. Sailana	Manual 200 lines	Electronic 264 lines
3. TAL	MAX-III 90 lines*	Electronic 88 lines
4. Bhabhara	MAX-III 90 lines	**
5. Jobat	77	**
6. Maota	MAX-III 45 lines	,,
7. Ringnod	MAX-III 45 lines	**
8. Amba	MAX-III 25 lines	Electronic 56 lines
9. Dhamnod	MAX-III 25 lines	Electronic 56 lines

^{*}Electromechanical

STATEMENT II

Mandsaur District

(a) Exchanges planned to be expanded

Sl.Ne	o. Stations	Type	Expansion capacity
١.	Mandsaur	MAX-II*	420 lines
2.	Ratangarh	Electronic	88 lines
3.	Singoli	,,	88 ,,
4.	Bolia	,,	88 ,,
5.	Daloda Mandi	,,	92 ,,
6.	Garoth	22	92 ,,
7.	Jawad	, ;	92 ,,
8.	Suwasaramandi	••	92 "
9.	Kukreshwar	**	32 ,,

(v) Exchanges planned to be converted to Electronic

SI.Ne	o. Stations	Present type	Conversion to
1.	Sitamau	Manual 200 lines	264 lines Electronic
2.	Deori Khawsa	MAX-III 45 lines*	88 lines Electronic
3.	Jeeram	,,	,,
4.	Sabakhada	**	19
٥.	Palsoda	MAX-III 25 lines	56 lines Electronic
6.	Cheetakheda	,,	,,
7.	Balaguda	,,	,,
8.	Bhavgarh	••	*,*
9.	Sanjeet	,,	••
10.	Karju	,,,	•,
11.	Bhanpura	MAX-III 90 lines	88 lines Electronic

^{*}Electromechanical

[English]

Indo-Pak Talks on J&K

586. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "US asks Pak to stop aid to ultras" appearing in the "Times of India" dated March 3, 1991;

- (b) if so, whether the Government have received any information about the response of Pakistan to the US advice:
- (c) whether any Ministerial or Official level meetings were held between India and Pakistan during the last six months to discuss the issue of activities of subversive elements of Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir in Pakistan:
 - (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the further steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?