Implementation of Athreya Committee Report

3039. SHRI BARE LAL JATAV: SHRIMATI BASAVARAJES-WARI: SHRI RUPCHAND PAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the recommendations made by the Athreya Committee;
- (b) whether the said report has been considered by the Government;
- (c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU); (a) The majority of Members of the Athreva Committee recommended a corporate structure for the management of telecom services in the country in the form of a holding company with four zonal operating corporations and one long distance connector corporation.

- (b) It is under active consideration of the Government.
- (c) and (d). As Government have not yet taken decisions on the report, the time frame for implementation can-not be indicated at this stages.

New Telephone Exchanges in Kerala

3040. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up new telephone exchanges in Kerala during the Year 1992-93 and

(b) if so, the details thereof, districtwise?

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

(b) District-wise details of 10 new telephone exchanges to be set up are as under:

	District	No of exchanges to be set up
1.	ldukki	5
2.	Ernakulam	1
3.	Trichur	1
4.	Cannanore	1
5.	Kasaragod	1
6.	Quilon	1

Occupational Health in IISCO

3041, SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Iron and Steel Company has undertaken to upgrade its Occupational Health at Burnpur;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken to improve the working conditions inside the factory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV); (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Indian Iron and Steel Company (IISCO) has undertaken to upgrade its Occupational health at Burnpur Works. As a part of occupational health policy of SAIL, continous medical as 159

well as environmental monitoring is being conducted at IISCO.

- (c) The following effective measures are being taken at IISCO to upgrade working conditions inside the factory:
 - Effective use of Dust extraction system at Reclamation Bunker of Ore Handling Plant and at Raw Materials Yard, Elevator House and Smoke chamber of Dolomite Plant.
 - (ii) Effective water spray system at various dusty areas of Coal Handling Plant, Blast Furnaces, etc. for dust suppression;
 - (iii) Installation of self sealing doors at No.8 and 9 Coke Over Batteries;
 - (iv) Regular repairing of steam leakages for reducing noise level;
 - (v) Regular drive to improve overall house Keeping work including frequent inspection of hazardous and fire prone areas;
 - (vi) All damaged/Worn out toxic gas transmission lines, as indentified by special Inspection Committee, changed to improve working environment;
 - (vii) Plantation of trees; etc.

Buildings for Telephone Exchanges in Kerala

3042. SHRI THAYILJOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct new buildings for telephone exchanges in Kerala particularly for S.L. Puram, and Edathna;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount proposed to be allocated for their construction; and
- (d) the time by which the work is likely to be started?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. At present, there is no plan to construct Telephone Exchange Buildings at S.L. Puram and Edathna.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Ajanta-Ellora Development Project

3043. SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOUR-ISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted a development project of ajanta-Ellora caves;
- (b) whether an international centre of studies and a museum is being set up there;
- (c) whether leading Eastern countries are likely to be given space to set up their pavallions are well as an and crafts centres; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). An international centre of studies and art and craft centre are not included in the Loan Agreement which has been signed between the Government of India and the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund on 9th January, 1992,