

**(ii) Need to Improve Telephone Service in Jalagaon Parliamentary Constituency, Maharashtra.**

SHRI Y.G. MAHAJAN (Jalagaon): 96 telephone exchanges are functioning in my parliamentary constituency (Maharashtra) presently. 42 of these exchanges are connected with F.O.C. Rest of the 54 exchanges are running through open wire system. We are receiving a lot of complaints regarding irregularity in functioning of all these 54 exchanges. The telephone services in villages falling under many of these exchanges has become totally non functional for the last three months due to which the people of this area are facing a lot of difficulties. 354 kilometres length of OFC is required in order to connect these 54 exchanges with the Optical Fibre Cable System (OFC).

I, therefore, through you, request the hon. Minister of Communications to kindly issue orders for immediately allotting optical fibre cable to my parliamentary constituency, Jalagaon.