

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
13.	Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project	Tamil Nadu Government	OECF (Japan)	499.2	13324 YEN	1996-97	2001-2002
14.	Eastern Karnataka Afforestation Project	Karnataka Government	OECF (Japan)	565.54	15968 YEN	1996-97	2001-2002
15.	Capacity Building Project for Participatory Management of Forests	Orissa Government	SIDA (Sweden)	8.6	13.6 SEK	1997-98	1998-99
16.	Uttar Pradesh Forestry Project	Uttar Pradesh Government	World Bank	272	52 US\$	1997-98	2000-01
17.	Punjab Afforestation Project	Punjab Government	OECF (Japan)	442	6193 YEN (The loan amount has been provided for 4 years only in the first phase)	1997-98	2004-05
18.	Kerala Forestry Project	Kerala Government	World Bank	183	39 US\$	1998-99	2001-2002

Note:- OECF: Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund
 SIDA: Swedish International Development Agency
 DFID: Department for International Development
 EEC: European Economic Community
 GTZ: German Funding Agency.

Pending Projects on Internet

1867. SHRI F.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have put up all the projects pending for environment clearance on the internet;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government have also been consulted before putting these projects on internet; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the State Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARA): (a) and (b) The status of projects submitted

to the Ministry of Environment and Forests for environmental clearance under the Environment Impact Assessment Notification and the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification and pending with the Ministry has been displayed on the website (www.nic.in/envfor). Reasons for pendency and tentative schedule of Expert Committee meetings have also been indicated. Full-text of environmental clearances issued during the last three months has also been displayed on the website.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Equity Participation by NHPC in Hydro Electric Projects

1868. SHRI K.S. RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Hydroelectric Power Corporation has negotiated with several foreign power companies the issue of equity participation in hydroelectric projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held with Multi-National Companies in this regard;

(c) whether any foreign power company have shown interest for equity in the indigenous projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER, MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Discussions were held with multi-national/national companies at their initiative on issues relating to the formation of joint venture company with National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) for execution of specific Hydro-electric projects, with equity participation by these firms.

(c) and (d) The following foreign firms evinced interest in the equity participation and execution of hydro projects entrusted to NHPC on a joint Venture dispensation:

- (i) M/s Kvaerner Energy Ltd., U.K.
- (ii) M/s Statkraft, Norway;
- (iii) M/s Skanska AB, Sweden;
- (iv) M/s ABB & M/s Hydro Sulzer, Switzerland; and
- (v) M/s PSEG, USA.

The discussions were of exploratory nature and there has been no concrete proposal.

**Modernisation of Telephone Exchanges
in Orissa, West Bengal**

1869. SHRI BHARTRAHARI MAHTAB:
SHRI SUNIL KHAN:
SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the existing telephone exchanges proposed to be modernised and expanded in Orissa and West Bengal during 1998-99;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the progress made so far in the expansion work of the Saltara, Barjara, Amar Khanan and Patrasys telephone exchanges at the Bankura district; and

(e) the time by which the said works are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA):

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The details are given in enclosed Statement-I

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) and (e) The details are given in enclosed Statement-II.

Statement I

District-wise plan for modernisation of electromechanical exchanges by replacement with electronic exchanges during 1998-99 in Orissa and West Bengal

S.I. No.	District	Name of Exchange	Status
Orissa			
1.	Cuttack	Cuttack	Already
2.	Sambalpur	Sambalpur	Completed
West Bengal			
1.	24 Parganas	Dumdum	Already
2.	Hooghly	Uttarpara	Completed
3.	Calcutta	Tiretta Bazar I Tiretta Bazar II	
4.	Central Howrah	Shibpur II	