

(b) The programme for improvement and modernisation of the telephone system in Punjab includes the following:—

1. Automatisation of all local manual exchanges.
2. Replacement of all life expired, worn out and unserviceable equipment.
3. Induction of electronic equipments.
4. Ducting of underground cable system.
5. Expansion of the network to provide telephone practically on demand in all local exchange systems with capacity upto 5000 lines and to contain the waiting period on an average to one year in local exchange systems with a capacity of more than 5000 lines by the end of 8th plan period.

Necessary programme is drawn up on year to year basis in keeping with the availability of funds and equipment each year.

Production of Exchanges by C-DOT

7248. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) in view of the developing 4000 lines exchanges by C-DOT, the results of the field test;

(b) the time frame for production of the exchange; and

(c) the capacity of production envisaged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The results of field testing of 4000 lines C-DOT exchange are generally satisfactory.

(b) The process of technology transfer for production of C-DOT exchange has been initiated.

(c) This will be worked out after process of technology transfer is completed.

[*Translation*]

S.T.D. Facility in District Sonbhadra in U.P.

7249. SHRI SUBEDAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is no S.T.D. facility in large industrial complexes such as Shaktinagar, Singrauli, Anpara, Overa Dala and Churk located in district Sonbhadra of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide S.T.D. facility there; and

(c) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The S.T.D. facility for Shaktinagar, Anpara, Obra, Churk and Sonbhadra have already been planned.

(c) Sonbhadra, Shaktinagar and Anpara are planned for S.T.D. facility during 1990-91.

Singrauli, Obra and Churk would be