

having regard to the conditions stipulated in the Act.

**Linking of Towns with Delhi and Bombay by STD**

7399. SHRI A.R. ANTULAY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts and cities in Maharashtra having a population of more than one lakh linked with Delhi and Bombay through S.T.D.; and

(b) the details of districts and cities proposed to be linked by S.T.D. with Delhi during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No. of District Headquarters in Maharashtra linked with Delhi and Bombay on STD—29.

No. of District Headquarters linked with STD in Maharashtra with population more than 1 lakh—19.

No. of Cities (other than DHQ) in Maharashtra with population more than 1 lakh linked with Delhi and Bombay on STD—7.

(b) Beed and Buldana which are DHQs in Maharashtra are planned to be provided with STD during 8th plan period. In addition about 200 stations in Maharashtra are planned to be given STD facility during 8th plan period subject to availability of equipment.

[*Translation*]

**New Telephone Connections in Janakpuri Telephone Exchange**

7400. SHRI SUKHENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be

pleased to state:

(a) the present capacity of Janakpuri telephone exchange;

(b) whether Janakpuri exchange is giving priority to new connections;

(c) the reasons for not taking up shift cases;

(d) whether the Ministry has issued any orders in this regard; and

(e) if so, the number of telephone to be shifted to Janakpuri exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The present capacity of Janakpuri Exchange is 16,900 lines.

(b) No, Sir. First priority has been accorded to shift cases which stand cleared upto 31.3.90.

(c) These cases are executed right away in case particular localities are having requisite underground cable pairs. If not, due to non-availability of local cables in particular localities, these would be executed on the areas becoming feasible on completion of cable works in progress.

(d) and (e). Does not arise in view of (c) above.

[*English*]

**Setting up of Fertilizer Plant in Punjab**

7401. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a fertilizer plant in Hoshiarpur district or at