

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

any other place in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the fertilizer plant will be set up?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal, at present, with the Government to set up a new fertilizer plant in Hoshiarpur district or any other place in Punjab.

(b) Does not arise.

Development of Technology by C-DOT

7402. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the State of development of 16,000 lines technology in exchange by C-DOT;

(b) is it Prototype, or internal testing, or field testing or technology transfer; and

(c) the assessment of the Committee in regard to approximate time of completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c). The report of the committee set up for assessment and evaluation of C-DOT is under examination. After finalisation of the exam. the information will be furnished.

Technology Transfer by C-DOT

7403. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether testing process for C-DOT exchange is more elaborate than the E-10-B exchange subjected to field testing or technology transfer; and

(b) was the E-10-B exchange subjected to field testing or technology transfer; and

(c) what were the results of the field testing of E-10-B exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The testing depends on the type of exchange. Hence comparison is not proper at this stage.

(b) The E10b Exchange was subjected to field testing and technology transfer has been effected.

(c) The results of the field testing of E10B exchange were satisfactory.

C-DOT Exchanges

7404. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the actually measured (not claimed) capacity for the C-DOT 4000 and 16,000 exchanges; and

(b) the E-10-B 4000 and 16000 exchanges in terms of the busy cell hour handling capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The report of the Committee set up for assessment and evaluation of C-DOT is under examination. After finalisation of the examination the information will be furnished.

(b) The measured busy hour call attempts in a (4000) lines and in 16000 line E-10B exchanges are 42,000 and 1,50,000 respectively.