

[*Translation*][*English*]**S.T.D. Link to each District headquarters for Bhopal**

6726. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:
SHRI CHHABIRAM ARGAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide STD link to Bhopal with each district headquarters in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the names of districts likely to be linked with Bhopal during 1990-91; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir. 29 out of 45 district headquarters are provided with STD as on 1.4.1990.

(b) The remaining 16 district hqrs. planned for STD to Bhopal in 1990-91 are Balaghat, Betul, Chattarpur, Damoh, Suna, Jhabua, Khargona, Mandla, Narsingpur, Rajgarh, Shahdol, Sidhi, Shajapur, Shivpuri, Panna, Tikamgarh.

(c) Question does not arise.

Telephone Connections

6727. SHRI ANBARASU ERA:
SHRI D. AMAT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications Statewise on the waiting list for telephone connections and since when they are waiting;

(b) the steps taken to provide connections to all the applicants; and

(c) the time by which they are expected to get the telephone connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Information is given in attached statement.

(b) and (c). The total waiting list in the country as on 31.1.90 is 17,39,67. The 8th Plan has been formulated with a view to provide telephone connections on an average in the country. (i) on demand in telephone exchanges of less than 5000 lines capacity, and (ii) to contain waiting list to one year period in telephone exchanges of capacity 5000 lines or more. To achieve these objectives the 8th Plan proposal envisage expansion of the telephone network by about 52 lakh new connections. The presently pending waiting list is likely to be cleared progressively during 8th Five Year Plan subject to the availability of resources and approval of Plan.