

(3) Provision of Digital UHF link at Gangtok to link Gayzing and Mangaon, Namchi and Microwave link between Gangtok and Darjeeling.

(4) Telex exchange at Gangtok.

**Action Plan for Improvement in  
Telecommunication Services**

\*343. DR. G. S. RAJHANS :

PROF. NARAIN CHAND  
PARASHAR :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have finalised action plan for each telephone district with clear targets and details of inputs and organisational requirements in the country ;

(b) if so, to what extent the new action plan will bring improvements in the services of telecommunications in the country ; and

(c) whether the plan would also take into account the frequent break-downs in telecom services, as also the hardship to the subscribers through 'wrong' connections delay in maturing of trunk calls, faulty functioning of S.T.D. and the poor response of '199', '198', '197', '180' and '181' ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. There are operational plans for every Telephone District with clear targets for expansion, new telephones and various performance parameters. The telephone systems of Bombay and Delhi are being constituted into a public sector corporation.

(b) The waiting lists will be reduced by providing more connections. The operational plan envisages 5% to 10% improvement over the past year in regard to complaints, faults, duration and effective percentage of trunk calls.

(c) Yes, Sir.

**Malpractices due to supply of Petrol at  
high temperature**

\*344. SHRI ANOOPCHAND SHAH :  
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND  
NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that petrol supplied to petrol pumps at high temperature leads towards evaporation loss to a dealer and that makes dealer to adopt malpractices for adulteration and such other things ;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to supply petrol at a normal range of temperature ; and

(c) if not, what is the normal range of temperature for petrol at the time of supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) to (c). Petrol is supplied normally to petrol pumps from the storage points i.e. depots/installations of the oil companies at the natural ambient temperature prevailing at the time. The temperature of petrol supplied to dealers ranges between 25°C and 33°C depending upon seasonal variation. However, if petrol is supplied as the temperature higher than the prevailing ambient temperature, dealers are compensated by a temperature variation allowance. Therefore, any malpractices by unscrupulous dealers are not attributable to variation in temperature.

**Employment of Women in Public  
Sector Undertakings**

\*345. SHRI SUBHASH YADAV : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to give more employment to women in the Public Sector Undertakings under his Ministry :

(b) if so, the details of the proposal ; and

(c) the number of women likely to be employed in the undertakings under his Ministry during the next three years ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI) : (a) and (b). Subject to relevant constitutional provisions, Government's policy is to provide equal opportunity for employment to all persons, including women.

(c) It is not possible to estimate the number of women likely to be employed in