

May I know from the hon. Minister what steps will be taken to provide sufficient staff as per the norms and if that is not possible, as an alternative, at least an assurance be given by the hon. Minister that he would ensure that paucity of staff will not stand in the way of the proper administration of this Trivandrum Exchange ?

**SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA :** Norms are available for the creation of posts for the clerical job as well as for the Accounts work and according to those norms, after commissioning of these additional lines in this Exchange, some more clerical and accounts posts were justified.

But as there is a ban at present on creation of new posts, we could not do so. Our staff, however, are being diverted from other exchanges and the work is going on as well as it could in view of the paucity of staff.

I will further go into the whole matter and see at least the essential services like billing, etc are done properly and the paucity of staff does not lead to undue harassment or difficulties to the subscribers.

**SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV :** On account of the numerous complaints of excessive billing in regard to STD calls will the hon. Minister consider installing personal meters on the analogy of electrical meters for the consumers ? Has he got any such plan in the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

**SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA :** This question has been raised in this House before this also and I have explained that due to certain technical reasons and paucity of lines, it is not possible to have in-

dividual meters right at the subscriber's end. But there are some devices available in the market which our Department has approved for installation to the subscriber's instrument which they can use so that they can know how much time they are using in a particular STD call.

#### **Import of Machinery for Telecommunication Services**

**\*440 SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the countries from where machinery for telecommunication services is being imported showing (i) nature of machinery, and (ii) amount spent during the last three years, from each country; separately year-wise;

(b) whether machinery of the same type is being imported from two different countries; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Information indicating the type and value of equipment being imported from various countries during the last 3 years is given in a statement which is laid on the table of Lok Sabha.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The required equipment is generally obtained from the most advantageous sources, taking into account competitive prices, as well as availability of international loans, bilateral credits and free foreign exchange.

#### **Statement**

##### **Details of Equipments Imported.**

Country : Japan

Sl. No.	Type of equipment	FOB amount	(Million)	YEN
		1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
1.	Equipment for Telephone exchange.	40.8	1386.92	3100.42

1	2	3	4	5
2.	Equipment for Long Distance Media.	26.42	3962.80	670.01
3.	Equipment for Satellite system.	577.5	103.74	326.51
4.	Testing Equipments.	147.0	70.69	412.24
5.	Underground Telephone Cables	49.25	61.69	—
Total		840.97	5585.84	4509.18

Country : United States of America. (USA)

FOB Amount in Mil. US Dollar.

1.	Equipment for Telephone exchanges	0.90	—	0.03
2.	Equipment for Long Distance Media.	1.06	0.68	—
3.	Equipment for Satellite Systems.	—	—	0.41
4.	Testing equipments	0.62	0.97	3.15
5.	Underground Telephone cables.	—	—	—
Total		2.58	1.65	3.59

Country : Sweden

FOB Amount in Mil. SW. KR.

1.	Equipment for Telephone Exchanges	—	3.07	—
2.	Equipment for Long Distance Media	0.03	—	—
3.	Testing equipments	—	0.06	—
Total		0.03	3.13	—

Country : France.

FOB Amount in Million Fr. France.

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	
1.	Equipment for Telephone Exchange	381.68	148.24	24.15
2.	Equipment for Long Distance Media	18.80	42.14	1.96

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Testing equipments	0.02	1.06	
Total		400.50	191.44	26.11

## Country : United Kingdom

Fob Amount in Mil. Pound Sterling

1.	Equipment for telephone Exchanges	0.05	---	0.27
2.	Equipment for Long Distance Media	---	---	0.02
3.	Testing equipments.	0.08	0.01	6.43
Total		0.13	0.01	0.72

## Country : Holland

FOB in Mil. Hfl.

1.	Equipment for Telephone Exchange	---	---	15.4
2.	Equipment for Long Distance Media	---	14.09	2.4
3.	Testing equipments.	0.12	---	---
4.	Underground Telephone Cable	---	0.58	---
Total		0.12	14.67	17.8

## Country : Switzerland

FOB Amount in Mil. Sw. Francs

1.	Equipment for Telephone Exchange	---	---	0.04
2.	Equipment for Long Distance Media	0.03	0.08	0.15
3.	Equipment for Satellite systems	0.93	---	---
Total		0.96	0.08	0.19

## Name of the Country : Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany)

FOB Value in Mil DM

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
1. Equipment for Telephone Exchanges	---	0.70	14.00

1	2	3	4	5
2.	Equipment for Long Distance Media	2.75	0.09	0.97
3.	Testing equipments	0.83	0.13	---
4.	Underground telephone cable	5.75	6.00	0.18
	Total	9.33	6.92	15.15

Name of the country : Hungary

FOB Amount in Mi. US Dollars.

1. Equipment for Long Distance Media

0.14

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Total

0.14

Name of the country : Canada

FOB Amount in Mi. C. Dollars.

1. Equipment for Long Distance Media

0.04

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Total

0.04

Name of the country - Yugoslavia

FOB Amount in Mil. US Dollars

1. Underground Telephone cables

1.12

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Total

1.12

Name of the Country : Denmark :

FOB Amount in Mill. D. Kr

1. Underground Telephone cables.

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0.86

Total

0.86

Name of the Country : South Korea

FOB Amount in Mil. US Dollars

1. Underground Telephone Cable

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11.5

Total

11.5

Name of the Country : Belgium

FOB Amount in Mil. Bel. Francs

1. Equipment for Telephone Exchange

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99.54

Total

99.54

Name of the Country : Italy

FOB Amount in Mil. Lira

1.	Equipment for Long Distance Media	—	—	3340.00
	Total			3340.00

[Translation]

SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Since a very little time is left now, I would ask only one question... (Interruptions) You kindly state the names of the countries from where you have imported equipment on international loan basis, bilateral credit basis and free foreign exchange basis ?

MR. SPEAKER : It is all given there.

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA : The statement that I have laid on the Table of the House itself indicates the quantum of equipment and the nature thereof imported from each country. The complete details in this regard are placed on the Table of House ... (Interruptions)

SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : What I was asking was the basis on which the equipment was imported. The reply given by you to this question is no answer to it. You will not mislead the House... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Only Shri Daga will be misled. (Interruptions)

SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : My question was very simple. I wanted to know the names of the countries from where you have struck deals on international competitive prices, on international loan, on bilateral credit and on free foreign exchange basis.

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA : In reply to part (c) of the question, I have stated that we import equipment on three to four basis. One is through inviting an international tender, second is through a bilateral agreement, if we have one with the country concerned and the third is through free foreign exchange. I have given details in respect of each country. What more

does the hon. Member want to know ? These are three to four methods through which we import equipment and it is open for all.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : In future, he will ask Dagaji before importing.

(Interruptions)

SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : My question has not been replied to.

MR. SPEAKER : What more reply can he give ?

SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : I want to know whether technologists from different countries also accompany the equipment you import from abroad ? Also which are the countries, the service of which you have to utilise for the operation of the imported equipment ?

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

### Applications for foreign collaboration in car industry

\*431. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any applications pending for a long time with Government for foreign collaboration by the manufacturers;

(b) if so, the reasons for not clearing the applications for a long time; and

(c) whether the applications will be cleared soon on the accepted principles on which the applications were cleared in the recent past ?