

एस० टी० डी० द्वारा शाहडोल को भोपाल  
और जबलपुर से जोड़ना

275. श्री बलबीर सिंह : क्या संचार  
मंत्री यह बताने कि कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या शाहडोल-भोपाल और शाहडोल-  
जबलपुर को एस० टी० डी० द्वारा जोड़ने  
का कोई प्रस्ताव है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इसे कब तक क्रिया-  
न्वित किया जाएगा ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो क्या इस प्रस्ताव पर  
विचार किया जाएगा ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN  
THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICA-  
TIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):

(a) Yes, Sir. Connection of Shahdol-  
Bhopal and Shahdol-Jabalpur by  
STD is included in the long term  
plan.

(b) The implementation of the  
above proposal is tentatively planned  
in 1985-86.

(c) Does not arise.

श्री बलबीर सिंह : अध्यक्ष महोदय,  
शाहडोल औद्योगिक केन्द्र है। वहाँ 12  
कोल माइंस हैं। अमरकंट धरमल पावर  
स्टेशन है। इसके साथ साथ ओरियण्ट  
पेपर मिल है। इसी तरह से जबलपुर  
में हमारे प्रदेश का हाईकोर्ट है और केण्ट  
भी वहाँ है। मंत्री महोदय ने बताया है  
कि इस दीर्घकालीन योजना में लिया जाएगा।  
यहाँ पर औद्योगिक प्रतिष्ठानों की बहुलता को  
देखते हुए और चूँकि भोपाल हमारा  
कैपिटल है, इसको देखते हुए इस को  
दीर्घकालीन योजना से हटा करके क्या  
आप अल्पकालीन योजना में शामिल करेंगे  
ताकि इनको जल्दी से जल्दी एस० टी० डी०  
से जोड़ा जा सके ?

SHRI KARTIK ORAON: In order  
that STD facilities can be used at a  
station, 2 requirements are to be met:  
No. 1 is the automatization of the  
local exchange, and No. 2 is the com-  
missioning of a reliable transmission  
medium. There are 385 district head-  
quarters all over the country; and out  
of these 146 are still having manual  
exchanges. And Shahdol is, fortu-  
nately or unfortunately, one of the  
stations which has got manual  
exchange. And there are 360  
lines of equipped capacity; and  
312 are working connections. There  
are 12 still in the waiting list. But  
these 12 in the waiting list are likely  
to be cleared by the end of 1981. It  
was planned previously, of course,  
for allotment of equipment to shah-  
dol. But due to the diversion of this  
equipment to some other more impor-  
tant stations, this has been put off a  
little.

Another point is that we are short  
of automatic exchange equipments  
because of this labour unrest, and  
also of power cut. It is very difficult,  
under the circumstances, to fix a  
deadline by which these automatic  
exchanges will be available. Further,  
we have planned to get the allotment  
equipment in 1983-84, and it will be  
Commissioned in 1984-85.

Now the question of Jabalpur and  
Bhopal comes. Jabalpur and Bhopal  
have been planned 1000 lines each for  
electronic type of switching equip-  
ment. Whereas Bhopal is planned for  
the current Plan, Jabalpur is planned  
for the next Plan. When this Jabal-  
pur TAX is installed. I think we can  
have the STD connection. With  
Shahdol automatization in 1984-85, we  
may be able to connect by STD to  
Jabalpur, and also Bhopal. These are  
the conditions which have to be met.

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: My  
question is: (a) what are the criteria  
laid down by the P&T for conversion  
of manual exchange into automatic  
exchange or STD? (b) In view of  
shortage of equipment in the P&T  
Department for conversion, is Gov-  
ernment thinking of having cross-bar  
exchanges in Bhubaneswar?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN):** The conditions have been repeatedly stated on the floor of the House. There is a list of priorities spelt out. We want to connect all the State capitals to the Central capital in the first place; and all the district capitals to the State capitals in the second place. This is conditioned by availability. I can give an idea. 600 stations are today qualified to get connected, according to the standards. But this has got to be done, the requirement is to the extent of one-lakh-equivalent lines of Strowger STD equipment, and 1.2 lakh lines of TAX equipment. Our capacity is 5,000 equivalent lines of Strowger STD equipment, and 6,000 lines of TAX equipment. Therefore, this comparison is there. So, there is certainly a slippage coming in. On this basis, we are going ahead. It is our expectation that before this current Plan is over, all the district headquarters will be connected with the State capitals. This is the basis on which we are proceeding. Import is being attempted; production or expansion is being attempted. Maximum steps are being taken for this purpose. (Interruptions) Question has nothing to do with this. He was asking about Bhubaneswar. Bhubaneswar is a different matter altogether. As far as the expansion of cross-bar is concerned, it is being done in Rae Bareilly. As far as the electronic expansion is concerned, it is to the tune of 1 million per year. Two factories are going to be set up, where exactly they are being set up will be determined by a committee going round and collecting information and putting up a report and a final selection will be made. All the stations are applying for it, and Bhubaneswar is one of the areas where its application has been there and that will be kept in view.

**SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH:** My supplementary arises out of the answer just given by the hon Minister of State which by implication had stated that all the district headquarters in the country are served by

telephone exchanges—automatic or manual. I would like to know in this context whether it is a fact that the two district headquarters in Himachal Pradesh,—these two places became the district headquarters as back as 1960—namely, Keylong which is headquarters of Lahaul and Spiti District and Kalpa which is the headquarters of Kinnaur District are not even connected by telephone, not to speak of telephone exchange. If this is a fact, what steps the Government is taking to provide telephone facilities at these two district headquarters.

**SHRI C. M. STEPHEN:** I don't think it was stated that we have already connected all the districts headquarters. There are quite a number of them. There are other headquarters also which do not have telephone connections yet.

#### Sale of DDA Flats in Delhi

**276. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:** Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 50,000 allottees of group housing societies and owners of DDA flats will have no legal authority to sell their property in future;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF):** (a) As on date:

- (i) Allottees of flats constructed by a Cooperative Group Housing Society cannot sell the flats but can, subject to certain conditions, transfer their share and interest held in the society;
- (ii) Allottees of flats constructed by DDA can, subject to certain conditions, transfer/sell their flats.