

ling/multiplexing equipment in its transmission Divisions at Bangalore and Naini.

(v) Setting up the manufacturing capacity for a number of telecommunication equipments such as SCPC (Single Channel Per Carrier) Ground Communication Equipments, Low Noise Amplifiers Digital Sub-Systems etc. for use in Satellite Earth Stations.

Setting up of Trunk Automatic Exchange at Leh

*228. SHRI P. NAMGYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Leh Telephone Exchange has not got the facilities of Trunk Automatic Exchange (TAX) as are available in Srinagar, Jammu and other district Headquarters of the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to non-availability of TAX facilities of Leh, it is very difficult to get trunk calls to Delhi, Srinagar, and Jammu telephone exchanges and vice versa through the Satellite Communication System;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to set up TAX at Leh; and

(d) if so, when and if not, the reasons?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN): (a) Some of the district headquarters including Leh do not have the facilities of Trunk Automatic Exchange (TAX).

(b) No, Sir. Adequate trunk circuits are available at Leh.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) At present, Leh is a manual exchange. Moreover, the present trunk traffic does not justify installation of a TAX at Leh.

Utilisation of Microwave Tower in Bhavnagar District as TV Relay Centre

*229. SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans and proposals to make use in future as T.V. Relay Centre the Microwave Tower erected/constructed near village Morchand of Gogha Taluk of Bhavnagar district (Saurashtra region of Gujarat State);

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that there are some expert opinions that if this Microwave Tower be used as T.V. Relay Centre from Bombay, it will give good results for all the Saurashtra region for T.V. programmes at a very low cost and expenses;

(d) if so, whether keeping in view the same Government propose to appoint an Expert Committee to go into it;

(e) if so, the details thereof and when and how it will be formed; and

(f) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). No Sir. The P&T microwave tower as put up at present cannot be used for television transmission because the design of tower for P&T is different from that of a TV tower.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f). Does not arise.

पेट्रोल पम्पों द्वारा पेट्रोल/डीजल की कम सप्लाई

* 230. श्री निहाल सिंह : क्या पेट्रोलियम, रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने इस बात की पूरी जांच की है कि पेट्रोल पम्पों पर स्कूटर