

SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL: As far as rural areas are concerned, so far there are only about 15 per cent telephones out of the existing telephones that are given in the rural areas. So, in the next two plans priority will be given to rural areas and for opening of PCOs in all villages with a population of above 5,000, we are taking the lines and material, and priority is given for equipment and procurement of equipment, and in any rural area, the population figure is 2500 per PCO.

MR. SPEAKER: Question No. 313—
Mr. R. N. Rakesh. Absent. Question No. 314—Dr. Subramaniam Swamy.

Introduction of Electronic System In Bombay Telephones

*314. DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce electronic system in Bombay Telephones;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what will be the main advantages of this system?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following types of electronic exchanges have been ordered for installation in the Bombay Telephone network over the next three years:

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| A. Local Exchanges | 50,000 |
| lines (3 exchanges) | |
| B. Trunk Automatic Exchange | |
| 8000 lines (1 exchange) | |
| C. Telex Exchange — | 3900 Trunks |
| lines and 2800 subscribers | lines. |

(c) The main advantages of electronic systems compared to electro-mechanical systems are summarised below:

- (1) Better reliability and performance.

(ii) Network economies

(iii) Lesser building space requirement.

(iv) Better routing capability.

(v) Reduction in Maintenance and Installation efforts.

(vi) Capability for special subscriber facilities (from local exchanges).

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: Sir, Bombay is the fastest-growing city in the country.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it?

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: Yes, Sir, population-wise.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : फिरं वाजपेयी जी कहेंगे कि मेरे साथ मुकाबला करो ।

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: He did not contribute to the population. He is a bachelor.

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): What is your population?

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: I produced two children.

The Ruling Party is against Bombay because the people of Bombay voted only to Janata during the Lok Sabha elections and the Bombay telephone system has suffered so much that if I telephone, always by mistake the phone goes to the Chief Minister of Bombay.

MR. SPEAKER: What a direct line!

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: I would like to know from the Minister if the equipments for the electronic exchange are being — imported or are being produced locally.

SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL: At present the equipments are to be imported

But we are planning to produce locally by transfer of technology and establishment of Electronic Equipment factory. For the first part of your question that Bombay is being ignored, it is not correct because we are giving equal priority to Bombay as we are giving priority to other metropolitan towns — Madras, Delhi and Calcutta. Not only that, this telex exchange which is coming to Bombay Prabha Devi as direct exchange, is already being expedited.

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: I would like to know whether the Minister knows the geography of Bombay. The constituency from which I come is just next door to New Bombay. New Bombay and Bombay are like Old Delhi and New Delhi. But in Bombay you have to make a trunk call to reach New Bombay. The failure of the Government to make allowance for electronic exchange in New Bombay has been causing great harassment and the population which is supposed to move from Old Bombay to New Bombay is not moving specially to the commercial centre because there is no provision for electronic exchange for New Bombay.

SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL: This is receiving active attention of the P&T Board. The Chief Minister, a number of M.Ps from Bombay and Maharashtra referred this matter to us and we are considering the problem in right earnest.

MR. SPEAKER: Add one more name.

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: What is the meaning of 'earnest' and 'right earnest'?

MR. SPEAKER: Consideration and active consideration.

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: In reply to the earlier question Minister has said that one per cent of the population would be satisfied in the next years. If you see the working of the

telephone system I think he should have said "further one percent will be dis-satisfied". It is alright to say that the electronic exchanges are fine. But there is something basically wrong. It is reported that there is a tug of war going on between the P & T Department and the Electronics Commission on the question which organisation should be given responsibility for managing the electronics tele-communication system. I would like to know from the hon. Minister, if it is a fact and if so, what does Government propose to do about it. There is some fussiness about the authority parameters. I would like to suggest that in view of this tussle it would be a good proposal to constitute a separate full-fledged tele-communication Board with a complete structure like that of P & T. They can independently manage tele-communication and draw upon the expertise of the Electronics Commission and the P & T Department.

MR. SPEAKER: That is a suggestion.

SHRI VIJAYA N. PATIL: That is a suggestion to be noted. That the delay in Electronics Exchange is because of the tug of war between the Department of Electronics and Department of P & T is not true. The other fact is that as all of us know electronic technology is changing very fast—whether to go digital instead of analogue—there are many other considerations which are coming in the way of speedy action.

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: If there is no tussle, why should they even consider my proposal. (*Interruptions*).

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: There is no tug of war but tussle is going on.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: I would like to know from the hon. Minister if he realises that very often when there is a collision of railway trains, if there is an electronics based

telephone system in both the engines of the colliding trains, especially when there is a fog, by tele-communication based on the electronic system, it would be possible for them to keep contact with each other as far as the drivers are concerned and the accident can be avoided. This system has been tried in many parts of the world. I would like to know if he would like to extend this system to the railways.

SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL: Railway tele-communication is different as Prof. Madhu Dandavate knows from our tele-communication. If the Railway authorities want to have help from our experts, we will extend it to the Railway Department and that can be introduced in the Railway Department.

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: I am also concerned with Maharashtra. My constituency is adjoining Maharashtra and I am a frequent visitor to Bombay city and also Dr. Swamy's place.

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: Impostor.

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Sir, the telephone system that is working in Bombay, I think, is the best and ideal one.

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: Then, what must be the condition in Andhra? God help Andhra.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR: It is good.

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: I want to know from the Minister whether such type of efficiency will be maintained in other cities also? Bombay, being the wealthiest city, let people pay more money and let them not disturb the present system thereby putting calls from other areas.

MR. SPEAKER: I want to ask you a question. As you told me are you from Bombay.

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Yes, Sir. I always go to Bombay. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: He has been caught red-handed!

Share of Public and Private Sector in area of bulk drugs

*315. SHRI SATYASADHAN CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in the area of bulk drugs, the share of the public sector is only 42 per cent and that of the private sector is over 48 per cent;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to increase the production of the public sector in this field;

(c) if so, details of the plan, if any; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The share of the public sector in the production of bulk drugs during 1980-81 was about 26 per cent.

(b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to increase the bulk drug production in the Penicillin, Semi-synthetic Penicillins, during 1980-81 to about Rs. 215 crores by the end of 1984-85.

(c) Yes, Sir. Projects for expansion in the manufacture of Antibiotics like Penicillin, Semi-synthetic Penicillins, Streptomycin, Tetracycline and Oxy-tetracycline, for the manufacture of new antibiotics like Erythromycin, Doxycycline and Gentamycin as well as for expansion in the capacity and manufacture of synthetic drugs like Analgin, Phenobarbitone, Vitamins, Nicotinamide and Sulpha Drugs have