

**SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT:** Sir, the question was discussed with the Chief Minister of Haryana as to the selection of a site and other preparatory work in connection with the building of a capital. No selection of site has been made nor has any request been made for making available funds required under the decision. But, that does not mean that the decision taken is in any way affected adversely.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Waiting period for new telephone connections

\*810. **SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under the consideration of Government to reduce the waiting period for new telephone connections from the present 30 months to half the period;

(b) if so, the time by which decision would be taken; and

(c) the time by which the telephone connections would be provided to persons whose requests are pending for more than 10 years?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. BRAHMANANDA REDDY):** (a) and (b). The draft 5th Five Year Plan for Telecommunications (Issue 2-Dec. '72) submitted to

the Planning Commission envisages reduction of average waiting period for telephone connections from 2.5 years to 1.3 years. The Waiting Period is also planned to be eliminated by about 1982-83.

(c) It is not possible to indicate a specific date as these locations call for extensions to the existing network or capacity.

##### Setting up of Oxygen and Dissolved Acetylene Units in West Bengal

\*811. **SHRI LUTFAL HAQUE:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3835 on the 20th March, 1974 regarding shortage of Industrial gases in West Bengal and state outlines of the proposals for setting up the Oxygen and dissolved Acetylene gases Units in West Bengal/the location of the unit, capacity and the timing when the industries will come up?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM):** In addition to the units already installed in West Bengal for manufacture of oxygen and dissolved acetylene gases, two more proposals have been approved for manufacture of these gases. The position of these two cases is as follows:—

S. No.	Name of the firm	Location	Annual capacity approved (million cu. metre)	Stages of implementation, position of capital goods etc.	
			Oxygen	D.A.	
1	2	3	4	5	
1.	Sh. Dilip Kumar Jajodia, Calcutta	Not indicated.	0.90	0.20	The firm has not placed order for the supply of Oxygen plant. It is therefore, difficult to indicate the period of implementation of the project.