

सोलाहटीक/रजिस्ट्रेशन अधिनियम, 1958 के अधीन पंजीकृत है। यह एक स्वायत्त संस्थान है और इसका संचालन केन्द्रीय स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियंत्रण मन्त्री की अध्यक्षता में एक शासी निकाय द्वारा किया जाता है।

राष्ट्रीय प्रायुर्वेद संस्थान को राजकीय प्रायुर्वेदिक कालिग जयपुर तथा उसका अस्पताल और सुरजमल भाम्बेवाला प्रायुर्वेद अस्पताल, जयपुर हस्तांतरित करने के लिए राजस्थान सरकार राजी हो गई है। यह संस्थान इस समय जिस स्तर पर खर्च कर रहा है उसी स्तर पर राज्य सरकार इसे पांचवी योजना में वार्षिक सहायता तथा सामान्य विकास खर्चा देगी और शोध उद्योग का विकास करने तथा छात्रों और स्टाफ के लिए रिहायशी मकान बनाने के लिए अपेक्षित जमीन भी उपलब्ध करेगी। संस्थान का शेष खर्च केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा वहन किया जाएगा।

Complaints about Technical Inefficiency and Billing System of S.T.D.

*231. SHRI VARKEY GEORGE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a large number of complaints about the low level of technical efficiency and the billing system of the S.T.D.; and

(b) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA). (a) and (b). A few complaints about functioning of S.T.D. service and excess billing have been received and have been looked into for remedial action.

The working of STD is affected by many factors including equipment, traffic, etc. However, the performance

is kept under constant watch and steps are taken on a continuing basis to improve the service. A few of the major steps taken are:

(i) Circuits (channels) on a congested route are being augmented as early as feasible.

(ii) The Telecommunication Research Centre has evolved a series of circuit improvements which are being incorporated to overcome service deficiencies such as disconnections of calls during conversation, no-tone, etc.

(iii) A Departmental Committee of experts has gone into the causes of the shortcomings in the working of S.T.D. The Committee in its report submitted in July, 1976 has suggested several short and long-term measures which are under consideration

(iv) The readings on all meters are recorded every fortnight and any sudden spurt in the number of calls is investigated immediately. Complaints regarding excess billing are looked into urgently and rebate allowed to the subscribers wherever the discrepancies are found in the bill due to error or due to some technical defect in the equipment.

Financial Assistance for Development Programme in Nepal

*237. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the development programmes being implemented in Nepal with Indian financial assistance?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): India has been giving financial and technical assistance to Nepal since 1951 with a view to contributing to the all-round economic development of that country. The main development programmes for which assistance is being provided at present are in the fields of building of roads and bridges, establishment of telephone exchanges and telecommunications facilities, small scale industry, health and education.