

State	Year (Amount in lakhs)		
	1986	1987	1988
1	2	3	4
Punjab	436.57	468.97	646.19
J & K	78.94	153.26	177.77

The information for the year 1989 is not yet available.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e). Does not arise

#### Telephone Connections During Seventh Plan Period

532. SHRIBABANRAODHAKNE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for installing new telephone connections in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) the achievements made so far in this regard; and

(c) the reasons for not achieving the target fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) 16 lakh net new connections.

(b) 16.93 lakh net new connections.

(c) Does not arise as target has been exceeded.

#### Employment on Compassionate Ground in West Bengal Telecom Circle

533. SHRI KARIA MUNDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state.

(a) whether in spite of clear orders from the Directorate of Telecommunications a number of dependents of telecom employees are yet to be given employment on compassionate grounds in the office of Chief General Manager, Telecom. West Bengal Circle although special sanctions were issued earlier;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c). Compassionate appointments of dependents of deceased employees are approved as per rules by Chief General Manager after obtaining relaxation from Telecom Directorate where required. The actual appointments are made as and when suitable vacancies become available. Hence in some approved cases it may take some time to get appointment.