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**Conversion of Nagpur Telephone Exchange into Electronic Exchange**

1223. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conversion of Nagpur Telephone Exchange into electronics is pending since long; and

(b) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to convert the existing Nagpur Telephone Exchange into electronic and or to increase the capacity of the exchange?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Conversion of Nagpur 10000 lines main Exchange into Electronic type (E-10B) has since been completed on 1.9.89.

(b) Conversion/Expansion programme for 90-91 for Nagpur Telephone system are as indicated below:

- (i) Expansion of Nagpur E-10B main exchange from 10000 lines to 17500 lines. Work is in progress.
- (ii) Installation of 3000 lines electronic exchange (RLU) at Sakardhasa.
- (iii) Installation of 4000 lines E-10B main at VRCE.
- (iv) Installation of 1500 lines Electronic exchange (RLU) at NARI, work is in progress.
- (v) Replacement of 9900 lines

exchange at Etwari has been planned.

- (vi) Replacement of exchange at Hingna and Kamplee by electronic exchange. (RLUs).
- (vii) Replacement of 3000 lines ICU X-bar TAX by 2000 lines digital TAX.
- (viii) Expansion of digital TAX from 2000 lines to 3000 lines.

**Fishing in Chilka Lake, Orissa**

1224. SHRI SIVAJI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the fact that the mouth of Chilka lake has been badly silted as a result of which fishing in the lake has been affected; and

(b) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to clear the mouth of the lake through dredging and other remedial measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) Government of Orissa have not reported about the silting up of the mouth of Chilka lake and consequent hardships faced by the fishermen of the area.

(b) Does not arise.

**Funds to States for Drinking Water In Rural Areas**

1225. SHRI MAHESHWSAR SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the funds allocated to States