

ment of a new Undertaking at Sunki, District Koraput in the State of Orissa for manufacture of cement. From the reports so far received from the Corporation, it is seen that the following progress has been made in the implementation of the project :

- (i) A private promoter for setting up the project in the joint sector has been finalised.
- (ii) Site has been selected.
- (iii) Raw material sources have been identified.

They have also informed that they would be approaching financial institutions for term loans.

#### Production of Telecommunication Equipment

4004. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI :  
SHRI B. V. DESAI :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government have made assessment regarding the gap of production and demand for telephone communication equipment including telephone instruments ;

(b) whether initiative has also been taken to involve the private sector in the production of Telecommunication equipment ;

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to allow private sector industry to produce telecommunication equipment with foreign collaboration under the new policy guidelines ; and

(d) the details regarding the guidelines for foreign collaboration in the private sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Measures have been initiated to encourage growth of telecommunication industry in the country through relaxation of policy from 100% public sector manufacture to secure cooperation of private sector in the manufacture of telecommunication equipment as announced in Parliament by Deputy Minister of Electronics on 23rd March, 1984.

(c) and (d) : The private sector industry will be permitted foreign collaboration for certain telecommunication products based on merits. Technology may also be acquired by Government through centralised purchase in certain areas, particularly in the field of switching and transmission equipment.

#### Manufacture of Bulk Drugs

4005. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK : Will the Ministers of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of American companies which have been manufacturing a number of bulk drugs from the basic stages involving high technology ;

(b) the names of these drugs and the stages from which these are manufactured ;

(c) whether some items have been declared as involving the technology ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) to (d) : The High Level Committee constituted by the Government in 1978 for identifying drugs involving high technology has inter alia found 21 drug companies manufacturing high technology drugs from basic stage. Details in this regard are given in the attached Statement.

None of these items were declared to be involving low technology.