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49.	Upper Kolab	Orissa	3 × 80	186.04
50.	Rengali Extn.	Orissa	3 × 50	40.67
51.	Upper Kolab Extn.	Orissa	1 × 80	18.62
52.	Ramman St. II	West + Bengal	4 × 12.5	56.41
53.	Teesta Falls I to IV	West + Bengal	3 × 3 × 7.5	80.70
54.	Karbi Langpi	Assam	2 × 50	78.50
55.	Dhansiri	Assam	15 × 1.33	15.40
56.	Umiam Umtru St. IV	Meghalaya	2 × 30	88.37
57.	Salal	Central	3 × 115	567.35
58.	Dulhasti	Central	3 × 130	410.58
59.	Chamera	Central	3 × 180	809.29
60.	Tanakpur	Central	3 × 40	178.51
61.	Koel Karo	Central	4 × 172.5 + 1 × 20	391.83
62.	Kopili (Kopili PH)	Central	2 × 25 × 2 × 50	185.65
63.	Doyang	Central	3 × 35	126.61
64.	Panchet Hill	Central	1 × 40	41.29

Facilities to phone subscribers after formation of Telephone Nigam

538. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the benefits that have accrued to phone subscribers after the formation of Telephone Nigam;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard;

(c) whether certain facilities have been curtailed after formation of Telephone Nigam in regard to overseas calls; and

(d) the steps Government are taking to ensure that facilities to subscribers are not curtailed after the formation of Nigam ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Facilities extended to phone subscribers after the formation of Telephone Nigam are given in the Statement given below.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. The procedures have been streamlined both for booked and direct-dialled overseas calls.

(d) The Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited has to obtain specific prior approval of the Telecommunication Board for withdrawing an existing service.

Statement

1. Collection of bills has been introduced through branches of three nationalised banks, making it easier for the subscribers for payment of their dues.

2. Special precautionary and preventive steps taken for expeditious clearance of faults on cables during Monsoon.
3. New exchanges are being commissioned earlier than their scheduled dates.
4. A new service '189' has been introduced for booking priority calls. Procedure of putting through these calls has also been streamlined.
5. Detailed billing is being introduced. 6000 subscribers in Bombay have already been issued detailed bills.
6. All Area Managers met the subscribers without appointment on all Saturdays in May, 86, for better dialogue. During June to September, 86, they will meet the subscribers on last Saturday of each month. Commercial and Accounts Officers meet the subscribers without appointment every Saturday.
7. Initiated dialogue with various users groups to find out and mitigate their grievances.
8. Better subscriber access has been provided through advertisement campaign to this effect providing information on contact persons for different problems.

[Translation]

**Commissioning of S.T.D. Service Centre
in Gopalganj (Bihar)**

539. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a decision was taken about two years ago to commission a S.T.D. Service Centre in Gopalganj (Bihar), but the same has not so far been commissioned;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the said Centre would be commissioned and the annual expenditure involved thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No,
Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Gopalganj is at present having a manual exchange. After automatisation and availability of transmission medium, STD facility to Gopalganj is likely to be provided during this Plan period subject to the availability of resources.

[English]

Coalfields in Talchar region

540. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-
GRAHI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be
pleased to state :

(a) whether the South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. has been entrusted with the responsibility of running coalfields in Talchar region in Orissa ;

(b) if so, the number of coalfields in this region handed over to South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. and the number of workers engaged therein; and

(c) the production cost of coal per tonne in this region ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI
VASANT SATHE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Seven coal mines in the Talcher region with over 7200 workers have been handed over to South Eastern Coalfields Limited.

(c) Production cost of coal in the region is estimated to be of the order of about Rs. 186/- per tonne.