6 Externally Aided Tamil Nadu Social Project The Project was started with ine assistance of Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA) in 1988-89. Afforestation covering and coastal areas including tribal areas expenditure\*©! Rs. 136.89 crore has been incurred and The Project has been approved to set up Training Denmark assisted Project To set up Environmental Training Institute al a cost of 9.961 million DM 17. World Bank Pollution To prevent and alleviate The project involves a line of credit of US 1 155.6 Control Project environmental degradation counterpart funds of US\* 108 million to be provided by caused by Industrial Government of Inida. Stale Governments, Financial Institutions and Industrial units availing loan. Under the operations. project 4 Slates including Tamil Nadu are covered. There

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## Newsitem regarding corruption by telephone linemen

1199. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNI-CATIONS<sup>7</sup> be pelased to state:

(a)/whether Government's attention has/been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 23rd July, 1995 entitled "The Men Behind the faulty Lines" dealing with the corruption of the telephone linemen; and

(b) what steps will be taken to stop this corruption and give relief to the customers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUTATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Wide publicity is given exhorting customers to desist from giving monetary gratification to the line staff. A full-fledged Vigilance Cell under the charge of General Manager is functioning in the MTNL, Delhi where formal complaint can be lodged by an affected subscriber. Complaint is investigated and strict disciplinary action will be taken against the Deptt. official involved.

## **Electrification of South-Eastern Railway**

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1200. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pelased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering any proposal for electrification Muri-Chandil in and Purulia-Koteshila section in Adra Division of South Eastern Railway;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) The work of electrification of Chandil-Muri-Barkakana section of which Muri-Chandil is a part, is in progress. Purulia-Kotshila is a part of Bokaro Steel City-Muri-Hatia-Kiriburu-Barsuan section, the electrification of which is also in progress.
- (c) the electrification of the above sections is likely to be completed by March, 98.