

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र): (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग) मार्च, 1996 तक देश में कुल संस्थापित सिंचाई क्षमता 89.42 मिलियन हेक्टेयर होने की प्रत्याशा है और मार्च, 1996 तक 79.94 मिलियन हेक्टेयर क्षमता के उपयोग की प्रत्याशा है।

(घ) और (ङ) जी हां। प्रथम पंचवर्षीय योजना से वर्ष 1993-94 तक सरकार द्वारा सिंचाई क्षमता के सृजन पर कुल 49624.47 करोड़ रुपये व्यय किए गये। आठवीं योजनावधि (1992-97) के दौरान 28391.79 करोड़ रुपये का परिव्यय प्रदान किया गया।

Telephone/STD/Fax facilities in Panchayats

378. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of Panchayats in the country particularly in the State of Punjab as on 30th June, 1996 where telephone, STD, Fax facilities and post offices are available;

(b) the target fixed for the purpose for the next two years;

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the table of the House.

(b) The target for providing Village Public Telephones including Panchayat telephones for the year 1996-97 has been fixed at 75,000. Instructions have been issued for covering maximum number of Panchayats. Target for the year 1997-98 is not yet finalised. The plan targets for Post Offices are fixed annually under Annual Plan Schemes only.

(c) Government have adopted National Telecom Policy which envisages provision of a public telephone facility to all the villages including Panchayats by the year 1997 progressively subject to availability of resources. It has also adopted a policy for providing STD facility from such

telephones wherever technical feasibility exists. Steps are being taken for providing connectivity through reliable media.

Post Offices are opened under Annual Plan Schemes subject to fulfilment of prescribed norms and availability of resources. During the first four years of the 8th Five Year Plan, 1310 Post offices have been opened in Gram Panchayat areas, and 497 Panchayats Sanchar Seva Kendras have also been opened in the country to provide basic postal facility in those villages where there was no post offices.

Idle Workers of National Textiles Corporation Mills

379. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of idle workers as on date in the mills run by National Textiles Corporation, State-wise;

(b) the expenses incurred on them; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed indicating the State-wise details of present strength of idle workforce in the mills run by NTC and the idle wages paid to them. (See below)

(c) On account of continuous losses suffered by NTC Mills, 8 out of its 9 subsidiaries have been referred to the BIFR which has declared them to be sick Industrial Companies. Government approved a revised modernisation plan for NTC Mills on 9.5.95. This revised Turn Around Plan is generally in line with the modernisation plans prepared by the Textile Research Associations. The plan envisages modernisation of 79 mills at an outlay of Rs. 2005.72 crores, restructuring of 36 unviable mills into 18 viable units, rationalisation of surplus workforce through Voluntary Retirement Scheme etc. The funds for modernisation