

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PRAKASH): (a) Sixteen.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Goalpara, by March, 91. Mangaldoi, Naibari, Nowgaon, Dhemaj, Morigaon & Tezpur during 91-92.

Subject to the availability of equipment, the following additional stations are proposed to be provided with STD facility during the 8th Plan period:—

Digboi, Doomdooma, Margherita, Moranhat, Naharkatia, Chapakhowa, Jonai, Dhakuakhena, Duliajan, Ledo, Makum, Kamalabari, Sarupathan, Sonari, Amguri, Kaziranga, Titabor, Mariani, Dergaon, Udalpuri, B. Charali, Rangapara, Badarpur, Lela, Lakhipur, Udharbond, Hamren, Hojai, Maibong, Kaliabor, Bokajan, Jagi Road, Umrangshu, Lumding Singi, Manhat, Abhayapuri, Gossarigaon, Bijni, Bilashipara, Manas, Jogighopa, Dhalgaon, Barpeta Road, Rangia, Chandrapur, Dumaria, Hajo, Soalkuchi

Non-working of telephones in Calcutta

684 PROF SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 60 per cent telephone connections of "45" and "49" Exchange of Calcutta Telephones installed in the areas of Mahesh Dutt Lane and Chetla have not been functioning for more than a year or so,

(b) whether the subscribers' complaints are being attended to for months together due to shortage of staff;

(c) whether Government have suffered huge financial loss due to non-working of these telephones and the authorities of Calcutta Telephones have not fixed any responsibility on anyone for such revenue losses;

(d) whether some Members of Parliament had requested time and again for rectification of faults of some telephones which were also neglected by Calcutta Telephones; and

(e) if so the facts thereof and details of telephones numbers in the area of Mahesh Dutt Lane that are presently lying faulty?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PRAKASH): (a) No Sir.

(b) No Sir. Prompt action is initiated to attend all subscribers complaints. But due to large scale cable breakdowns in monsoon and staff agitation; the restoration work gets delayed.

(c) Numbers of telephones in Mahesh Dutt Lane are only 32, out of which at present only 6 are faulty. The revenue loss suffered is not high. As the restoration work depends on large number of factors, it is not possible to fix responsibility on any single individual.

(d) It is true that requests from Members of Parliament had been received. All such requests have been examined promptly and phones have been set right if feasible.

(e) Out of 32 telephones in Mahesh Dutt lane, at present only 6 are out of order. The telephone numbers are—

450968

492138

492698

493425

491237

491938

Clarical work to telephone operators in Kidwai Bhawan, telephone exchange

685. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Telephone operators in the Kidwai Bhawan