

envisages reduction of waiting period on an average to one year based on present projections of demand. The expansion plans for Delhi network (details given in the statement) envisage clearing the present waiting list progressively during the

8th Plan. Steps initiated to achieve the above objectives include proposed commissioning of 80,000 lines of Electronic Exchanges during 90-91 out of which 25,000 lines would phase out old electro-mechanical exchanges.

**Statement**

Year	Lines Planned	Lines Commissioned	Lines to be decommissioned	Net
90-91	81.5K	21.5K	24.9K	56.6K
91-92	117K		27K	90K
92-93	105K		Nil	105K
93-94	197.5K		17K	180K
94-95	180K		17.9K	162.1K

**Installation of modern card telephone instructions**

825. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some modern card telephone instruments have been installed in New Delhi;

(b) whether the subscribers can make local calls as well as STD & ISD calls from the said instrument;

(c) if so, the details thereof with procedure to operate the instrument;

(d) whether such instruments are to be installed in other places of Delhi and outside; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) These card telephones are being operated under franchise scheme for payphones. An attendant provides the card to the intending user after taking adequate money as deposit. The user inserts the card in the payphone instrument and makes his call. The charges are displayed on the payphone instrument after the call depending upon local or STD rates applicable at that time. The user returns the card and takes the balance amount out of his deposit from the attendant.

(d) Yes, Sir, card operated payphones would also get installed depending upon the choice of the franchisee in Delhi and outside.

(e) STD pay phones are to be installed under franchise scheme. The franchisee is free to choose the instrument which could be a coin/token operated, a card operated or on an ordinary telephone instrument with charge indicating device.