

attention than the Postal communications;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the allocations between the two sectors in communications Ministry during the last three years; and

(d) what are the details with regard to the demand and response in respect of opening of post offices in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) The needs of Posts and Telecommunications being different it may not be appropriate to com-

pare the physical and financial resources allocated to them. Recognising the need for separate development of these two sectors, Government had established two separate Departments for Posts and Telecommunications by bifurcating the erstwhile combined P & T Department in January, 1985. Posts are basically labour intensive. Telecommunications are, however, largely technology oriented and require a large measure of capital investment for its development. The allocation of resources is determined by the Planning Commission and the Government taking into account the different needs of the Posts and Telecommunications. The Plan allocations during the last three years are as follows:

	Posts	Telecommunications
1986-87	Rs. 40 crores	Rs. 837.01 crores
1987-88	Rs. 40 crores	Rs. 1116.37 crores
1988-89	Rs. 50 crores	Rs. 1800.00 crores

A target of 6,000 new post offices has been provided for in the Seventh Plan. By and large, requests for opening of post offices which after examination has been found to satisfy the prescribed norms have been accommodated within this target. As against this target, during the period 1985-86 to 1988-89 (up to 20.3.89), 1938 new post offices have been sanctioned.

System to check misuse of STD and ISD Facility

2915. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited has introduced a cool proof system in all its digital electronic exchanges to stop the misuse of STD and ISD facility on the subscribers Phones;

(b) if so, what are the details of the said system;

(c) whether the system will be introduced in other type of exchanges also; and

(d) if so, by when and if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An STD/ISD call control facility has been introduced in some digital electronic exchanges (E-10B) on an experimental basis. Under the system, STD/ISD calls facility can be activated/deactivated by subscriber himself by dialling a code chosen and known to him only.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. This is possible only in E-10B exchanges at present.

Profits earned by ONGC on supply of gas

2916. SHRI K. V. THANKGABALU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil & Natural Gas Commission has earned profit from