

wer availability in Maharashtra in the near future. I would like to inform the House that the present shortfall is to the tune of 6.1 per cent and the shortfall is really in relation to the energy requirement. ...

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: If everything works well.

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH: That is just now the present position, today.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Do the BHEL sets work? ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is only the optimum figure.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR: You were a great votary of the BHEL. Why are you just now...

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH: The situation is likely to be a little comfortable with the approach of July or so, because we expect that hydro-generation would improve and some of the modification measures adopted on the present power plants are expected to produce the desired results. Secondly in regard to the performance of BHEL units a number of consultants have already been requisitioned and the net result is that the performance of 200 MW units produced by BHEL has vastly improved. And the general PLF is around 60 per cent, which is a very happy feature.

As for the tariff rates, I would like to inform the hon. Member that this is a subject really which pertains to the State Electricity Boards, and does not come under our domain. But certainly, in deference to the wishes of the hon. Member, we shall try to discuss this issue with them.

♦185. [The questioner (Shri Pandurang Dharmaji Jadhav) was absent. For answer vide col. 56-57 infra].

Setting-up of telephone industries

*186. SHRI JAGADISH JANI:†
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of places where Government have decided to establish telephone industries during the current financial year;

(b) whether* Government propose to establish telephone industries in Orissa during the same period; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) No decision has yet been taken by Government for establishment of new telephone industries at any place during the current financial year.

(b) and (c) Most of the projects of the undertakings under the Ministry of Communications are in the nature of expansion projects of the existing units. The decision in respect of the location of the second large Electronic Switching Factory, which would be a new unit, has not yet been taken.

श्री जगदीश जानी : श्रीमन्, भारत सरकार ने यह निर्णय किया है कि जिन राज्यों में टेलीफोन उद्योग यदि वर्तमान में नहीं है तो वहां टेलीफोन उद्योग स्थापित करने के लिए प्राथमिकता दी जाएगी ? यदि हाँ, तो क्या उद्योग में टेलीफोन उद्योग स्थापित करने की बात पर वे विचार करेंगे ?

श्री विजय एन. पाटिल : टेलीफोन उद्योग स्थापित करने के संबंध में जो स्केटनी कमेटी बिठाई जाती है वह

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Jagadish Jani.

इस बात की तरफ जरूर ध्यान देती है कि जिन राज्यों में टेलीफोन इंडस्ट्रीज नहीं है, जैसे कर्नाटक में है, श्रीनगर में है, इन राज्यों को छोड़कर दूसरे राज्यों में उसे स्थापित किया जाये, दूसरे राज्यों का खयाल रखा जाता है लेकिन इस के साथ साथ वहां पानी, पावर और दूसरी चीजों की एवैलैबिलिटी भी हो इस को भी देखा जाता है और दूसरी चीजों के साथ वहां की बैकवर्डनेस का भी ध्यान रखा जाता है।

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: May I know from the hon. Minister whether a high-powered Committee, consisting of the then Secretary, Communication, Mr. Dave visited Orissa and they wrote to the Government of Orissa to give an area of 100 to 200 acres for installation of telephone industry? Orissa Government agreed to it. And then, it has been lying there for such a long period. Will the Minister consider kindly the plan for switching over the installation to electronic system and in future, if there is any such plan for the development of telecommunication, whether the Government will honour its commitment for installing a telephone industry in the State of Orissa?

SHRI V. N. GADGIL: As far as our assurance is concerned, it was a tentative decision and the Orissa Government was informed that the decision will be confirmed subsequently. But thereafter, the Government decided that in view of the technology which was to be hereafter Indian technology—and no foreign technology—the expansion will take place in Rae Bareilly and no new factory will be set up. As far as the other part is concerned it is the experts who decide as to location of the factory, and they take into account all factors, including the backwardness of a State.

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: Telephone industry in Srinagar was set up at the time when Mr. Bahuguna was the Communication Minister. This industry was set up in 1975 at a cost of only a few lakhs of rupees. It is 1983

now and the investment in that particular factory remains the same; it is like a small-scale factory. In the current year's budget, 1983-84, there is a provision for Rs. 44 crores for ITI alone. New projects are being set up in U.P. I do not grudge it; one is in Rae Bareilly and the other in Gonda. I would only request the hon. Minister if in view of the climatic conditions which are suited such industry in Kashmir, will he consider this industry of Srinagar to bring it at par with other big factories being set up in U.P.

SHRI VII AY N. PATIL: At Srinagar, the factory is manufacturing telephone instruments. Last year, it manufactured about 63 lakhs of telephone instruments. Whatever suggestions the hon. Member has made, will certainly be put up before the Experts Committee for consideration.

श्रीमती प्रेमोलाबाई दाजोसाहेब चव्हाण) : क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पिछले कुछ सालों के पीछे महाराष्ट्र में एक बड़ी टेलीफोन इंडस्ट्री स्थापित करने की सुविधा दी गई थी तो उसके बारे में अगले कुछ वर्षों में कुछ विकास होगा कि नहीं ?

श्री विजय एन० पाटिल : महाराष्ट्र में टेलीफोन डिपार्टमेंट की एक धुलिया में फैक्टरी है जो अभी कंसिडरेशन की स्टेज पर है।

Excess production of goods by foreign companies reserved for the small scale sector

"187. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI :f
DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bhatt Committee on Small Scale Sector has mentioned that foreign companies and their subsidiaries are over producing goods reserved for Small Scale Sector;

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the house by Shri Biswa Goswami.