(radio and TV) capabilities/facilities. The internal-rate of return on the telecommunications component of the system has been estimated as about 26 per cent.

Shifting of Paradeep Steel Plant

*68. SHRI B. C. PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently taken a decision to change the site of the proposed Paradeep Steel Plant in Orissa.

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

(c) the name of the place where the plant is likely to be set up; and

(d) what is the progress made so far in the setting up of the above steel plant in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHA-RANJIT CHANANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Considerations of safety of the plant and economies in construction cost and recurring costs for operation of the plant.

(c) Daitari region in Orissa State.

(d) Negotiations with M/s. Davy Mckee for settling the technical, financial and commercial terms of the contract are in progress.

Development of Devnagari Computer System

*69. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA:
DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Electronics has funded a project for

development of computer system at FCIL which started manufacturing indigenous computers;

(b) Whether Government have funded any project for the development of Devnagari computer system during the last decade; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to promote production of Devnagari computers?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Six technology development projects have been funded by the Department of Electronics in various institutions for the development of computer systems with Devnagari-based input-output facilities. One of these projects has produced an operational prototype of such a system.

(c) Government have taken the following action to promote use of Devnagari and other Indian Scripts in computers:—

(i) A symposium of "Linguistic Implications of Computer-Based Information Systems" was organised jointly by the Department of Electronics (DOE) and the Department of Official Languages, during November 10-12, 1978. This Symposium mainly concentrated on the use of Indian Languages in computers.

(ii) A Committee on "Standardisation of Codes for Information Processing" was also set up by the Department of Electronics in March, 1980 to evolve standard codes for Indian scripts to enable information interchange, and tele-typewriter keyboard design. The report of the Committee has been finalised recently and will be submitted to the Electronics Commission for consideration and approval.