

**Provision of perforated Auto Tape attachment to Telex Subscribers**

2537. SHRIMATI PRATIMA BOSE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons that the Delhi Telephone authorities are not providing perforated Auto Tape attachment to the Telex Subscribers; and

(b) what are the number of applications that are pending in special as well as in general category from Telex Subscribers of Delhi for this Auto Tape attachment and by when they are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) It has not been possible to meet all the pending demands for telex attachments due to inadequate availability of these equipments.

(b) The number of applicants in Delhi whose demands for attachments are pending under special and general categories is as follows:

<i>Special Category</i>	<i>General Category</i>
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These pending demands will be cleared progressively during 1981.

**Connecting of Important Cities of Madhya Pradesh with STD Scheme**

2538. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to connect some important cities of Madhya Pradesh with STD Scheme in the near future; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to extend STD facilities to four more cities in Madhya Pradesh in the near future, by connecting them to the Trunk Automatic Exchange Network.

**Provision of Telephone Connections under 'OYT' Scheme in Madhya Pradesh**

2539. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list of telephone connections under 'OYT' Scheme in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to clear the waiting list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) 538.

(b) Existing exchanges are being expanded and new ones are being opened.

2540. [Transferred to the 17th March, 1981].

**Supply of Water to Groundnut Fields..**

2541. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that groundnut crop on six thousand acres of land in Thanjavur, Tiruvonum and Vorathanadu blocks is withering for want of water;

(b) whether Government are aware that if immediate help is not provided it is likely to result in an estimated loss of about Rs. 12 crores;

(c) whether any help has been sought by the State Government from the Central Government for this purpose; and

(d) if so, what immediate measures have been taken or are being considered by the Central Government for this purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (MISS KAMALA KUMARI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha as soon as possible.

**Stopping of Sugarcane Crushing by Sugar Mills**

2542. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the production of 12.19 lakh tonnes in sugar