

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:

Special Category General Category

27

126

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 'OYr 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 14th March, 1981].

Supply of Water to Groundnut Fields.

2541. SHRI K. T. 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 Vorathanadit 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

in January, 1981 there are reports of closure by 50 per cent of the crushing mills in the country till end of February, 1981 due to lack of cane supply; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (MISS KAMALA KUMARI): (a) and (b) Sugar production in January and February in current sugar year 1980-81 is of the order of 12.18 lakh tonnes and 10.78 lakh tonnes respectively as against 9.79 lakh tonnes and 8.65 lakh tonnes respectively in 1979-80 season. Sugar factories plan their crushing operations as per availability position of sugarcane in the season which normally extends from October to April. 75 factories have closed as on 28th February out of 311 factories

which went into production in the current sugar year 1980-81 as against 121 factories which closed on the same date out of 300 factories worked during the year 1979-80. Thus, only 24.1 per cent of the factories have closed as on 28th February in 1980-81 as against 40.3 per cent on the same date in 1979-80 sugar year.

The State-wise figures of number of sugar factories which went into production in 1980-81 sugar year, the number of factories which closed as on 28-2-1981 and number of factories which remained in operation on the said date are shown in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Number of sugar factories which went into production in 1980-81 sugar year, the number of factories which closed on 28-2-1981 and number of factories which remained in operation on 28-2-1981.

| State | No. of sugar factories which went into production during the year 1980-81 | No. of sugar factories closed on as 28-2-81 | No. of sugar factories in production as on 28-2-81 |
|----------------|---|---|--|
| Uttar Pradesh | 91 | 20 | 71 |
| Bihar | 28 | 19 | 9 |
| West Bengal | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Assam | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| Haryana | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| Punjab | 8 | 3 | 5 |
| Rajasthan | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 7 | 1 | 1 |
| Orissa | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Maharashtra | 75 | 1 | 75 |
| Gujarat | 14 | 1 | 13 |
| Karnataka | 13 | 10 | 13 |
| Kerala | 3 | 3 | .. |
| Andhra Pradesh | 25 | 5 | 20 |
| Tamil Nadu | 28 | .. | 20 |
| Pondicherry | 1 | .. | 1 |
| Nagaland | 1 | 1 | .. |
| Goa | 1 | 1 | .. |
| All India | 311 | 75 | 236 |