

- (hi) On complaints received from Food Corporation of India for delay in the indenting of wagons by some of the factories, notices have been issued to the factories for launching prosecutions against them.

#### Telephone connections on (he wait-ing list

81. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact, that a large number of applications for telephone connections are on waiting list in the country;

(b) what is the number of such applications fetate-wise and in the State Capitals till December, 1979; and

(c) by when telephone facilities are likely to be provided to these applicants?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN): (a) The total number of applications on the waiting list for telephone connections on 31-12-79 was 3,19,852.

(b) A statement of waiting lists as on 31-12-79 in the different telecom. Administrative Circles, Districts indicating the States served by them is placed at Annexure. The waiting lists at the State Capitals have also been indicated. In some cases of State Capitals, the waiting list figures relate to the 30th September, 1979.

(c) As there are nearly 7000 local exchange areas throughout the country for which waiting lists are maintained, it is difficult to predict the prospects in every case. However, it is expected that applications registered upto 31st December, 79 would, by and large, be provided with connactions progressively before the end of 1982-83, with the exception of a small proportion of cases of the following types:

- (i) very long distance connections remote from the exchanges;
- (ii) general category application in some stations if large now OYT demands should arise; and
- (iii) demands in certain areas in metropolitan cities involving acquisition of land and construction of buildings for opening of relief exchanges.

#### Statement

Name of Telecommunication/Circle/Distt. with names of states served	Waiting list	Name of Capital	Waiting list
1	2	3	4
1. Andhra . . . . .	9846	Hyderabad .	5279
2. Bihar . . . . .	2517	Patna .	664
3. Gujarat serving Gujarat . . . . .	23424	Gandhinagar .	7661/69*
3. Daman, Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli	..	Salvasa .	22*
4. J. & K. . . . .	2635	Srinagar .	1470*
5. Karnataka . . . . .	10201	Bangalore .	5563
6. Kerala serving Kerala . . . . .	17606	Trivandrum .	1557
Lakshdweep . . . . .	..	Kavarthy .	Nil*

NB. \* Figures Pertain to 30-9-79

1	2	3	4
7. M. P.	3656	Bhopal	683
8. Maharashtra serving— Maharashtra	117773	Bombay	97749
Goa—Circle		Panaji	632*
9. North Eastern Circle/serving	2659		
Assam		Dispur	232*
Arunachal		Itanagar	1*
Manipur		Imphal	* 196*
Mehgalaya		Shillong	192*
Mizoram		Aizawl	53*
Nagaland		Kohima	79*
Tripura		Agartala	78*
10. North West serving	16529	Chandigarh	3900
Punjab			
Haryana			
Himachal Pradesh		Simla	202*
11. Orissa	1370	Bhubaneshwar	301*
12. Rajasthan	6076	Jaipur	1996
13. Tamil Nadu serving			
Tamil Nadu	15416	Madras	8212
Pondicherry		Pondicherry	125*
14. Uttar Pradesh	11374	Lucknow	1278
15. West Bengal serving	26391		
West Bengal		Calcutta	24490
Sikkim		Gangtok	72*
Andaman & Nicobar		Port -Blair	51*
16. Delhi		Delhi	48479

N.B. \*Figures pertain to 30-9-79.