

- (iii) 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 the waiting 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 State-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 telecomm. 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 connections 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 new 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.