

lines is expected during 1979-80 including opening of 3 new exchanges.

(b) Bombay:—Plans are in hand to add 69,200 lines capacity during 1980—82 including opening of 7 new exchanges.

Calcutta:—Plans are in hand to add 6,900 lines capacity during 1980—82 including opening of 2 new exchanges.

Madras:—Plans are in hand to add 4,700 lines capacity during 1980—82 by expansion of existing exchanges.

Delhi:—Plans are in hand to add 41,100 lines capacity during 1980—82 including opening of 6 new exchanges.

#### **AIR Pollution in Durgapur**

563. SHRI BHOLA PRASAD:  
SHRI KALYAN ROY:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news which appeared in the 'Statesman' of the 3rd July, 1979 under the caption "Air pollution becoming serious in Durgapur";

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

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard;

(d) whether dust collectors as per American design as provided in the Bakaro Thermal Plant have been provided in the Damodar Valley Corporation and Durgapur projects;

(e) if the reply to part (d) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government propose to advise the plants and units to instal fabric filters or electrostatic precipitators at the high fly ash enumeration sources to reduce their severity and to bring down their harmful effects to the permissible level; and

(g) if the reply to part (f) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It contains information regarding pollution of water and air caused by Power Generating Units of the Damodar Valley Corporation and the Durgapur Projects and the harmful effects thereof on human beings and trees in Durgapur-Asansol industrial area.

(c) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### **Calcutta Telephone Service**

564. SHRI BHOLA PRASAD:  
SHRI KALYAN ROY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a task force to tone up the telephone system in Calcutta city;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be set up; and

(c) what will be its composition?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN):

(a) It has been decided to set up a Task Force for 4 months to make a detailed survey of the problems in maintenance of external plant in Calcutta, and suggest remedial measures and estimate financial and material inputs needed.

(b) This is likely to be set up very shortly.

(c) It will have one Additional General Manager, one Divisional Manager, two Assistant Engineers and 2 Stenographers.