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**Russian Experts' Report on setting up a Copper plant in Malanj Khand in Madhya Pradesh**

1425 SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA:  
Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Soviet experts had submitted a report in 1975 on a scheme for setting-up a copper plant in Malanj Khand in Madhya Pradesh; and

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

1. Likely estimated cost . . . Rs. 91.90 crores.
2. Ore production : . . . One Million Tones per annum (equivalent to 15,000 tonnes of metal).  
(in the 4th year from the start of construction)  
(in the 6th year from the start of construction) Two million tonnes per annum (equivalent to 23,000 tonnes of metal);
3. Concentrator Plan . . . First phase will treat one million tonnes of ore per annum and the Second phase two million tonnes of ore. The concentrates will be transported from Malanj Khand to Khetri Smelter.
4. Employment potential . . . Approximately 1860 persons (at full operation stage).
5. Other features . . . This will be the first large sized open pit mine in hard rock in the country. Mining will employ heavy earth-moving equipment. The development of the mine envisages a preparatory period of 16 months, after which the actual mines construction work will commence.

**Automatic telephone exchange in Purnea and Berhampur**

1426. SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI:  
SHRI BRAHMANANDA PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision in the rules to set up an automatic telephone exchange at a place where there are over 600 telephone lines in operation; and

(b) if so, whether Govt. propose to set up automatic telephone exchanges at Purnea in Bihar and Berhampur in Orissa?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) Soviet experts had submitted the detailed Project Report for the Malanj Khand Copper Project in Madhya Pradesh, in two instalments, in January, 1975 and in January, 1976.

(b) The salient features of the Report are given in the Statement attached.

**Statement**

Salient features of the detailed Project Report on the Malanj Khand Copper Project, prepared by the Soviet Consultants are as follows:

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) and (b) There is no specific limit for number of lines specified for installation of auto exchange in replacement of a manual exchange.

It is the objective of the Government to eventually automatise all telephone exchanges in the country. However, in view of the shortage of automatic exchange equipment, it has become necessary to phase out the programme over a long period. priority is being given to the State Capitals and Distt. Headquarters, as well as large business and Industrial centres of national importance.