

the country have to take it seriously that the Government does not have adequate means to obtain information on the bases in the Indian Ocean? My second question is this. What is the Foreign Minister's assessment or perception of Chinese interest in the Indian Ocean? In view of the Chinese efforts to strengthen and modernise their armed forces including their navy and keeping in view the long-term implications of the question, is the Foreign Minister making any attempt to involve China in the dialogue to keep the Indian Ocean a demilitarised zone?

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : सभापति जी, हिन्द महासागर में किन देशों के अड्डे हैं या नहीं हैं इस के बारे में बराबर हम जानकारी प्राप्त करते रहते हैं। लेकिन जानकारी को प्रकट करने के पहले अपने को संतुष्ट कर लेना चाहेंगे कि वह जानकारी सचमुच में ठीक है या नहीं है और जितनी विश्वस्त होनी चाहिए उतनी है या नहीं। मगर माननीय सदस्य ने यह निष्कर्ष निकाला है इससे कि हमारे पास जानकारी प्राप्त करने के साधन नहीं हैं तो यह ठीक नहीं होगा। हमारे पास साधन हैं। कुछ जानकारी हमने एकत्र भी की है, लेकिन डियागो गार्शिया की तरह से हम जानकारी का प्रकटीकरण नहीं कर सकते क्योंकि उस के बारे में हम अधिक से अधिक विश्वस्त होना चाहेंगे।

चीन को अगर हिन्द महासागर के संबंध में जो वार्ता हो रही है उसमें शामिल किया जा सके तो बहुत अच्छी बात होगी; चीन हिन्द महासागर में अधिकाधिक रुचि ले रहा है इसलिए उस का इस वार्ता में शामिल होना आवश्यक है।

Working of telephone services in Farrukhabad District

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that of late there has been a deterioration in the telephone services in Farrukhabad district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Sub-divisional exchanges in that district have a poor performance; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAD): (a) No, Sir.

(to) Yes, Sir, as the performance is not satisfactory.

(c) Efforts are made on a continuing basis to improve the services. The important steps that have been or are being taken are indicated in the statement being laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The following important steps have been or are being taken to improve the telecom, services in Farrukhabad district (UP) on a continuing basis:

Farrukhabad Exchange:

(a) Replacement of the existing 120 A.H. capacity battery by another battery of 450 A.H. has been planned.

The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Chadalavada Venkatrao.

(to) Underground cable is being laid to reduce openwire local telephone lines to reduce faults.

(c) Refitting of subscribers offices and distribution points (D.Ps.) is almost completed.

(d) The present manual exchange at Farrukhabad is planned to be replaced by an MAX-II type auto-exchange during 1980-81.

(e) A 3-channel system has been installed between Farrukhabad and Kannauj. Further augmentation by having an 8-channel system has been planned.

(f) Replacement of ACSR wires by copper-weld wires in Farrukhabad-Mainpuri section is in progress to overcome the present ACSR wire theft and interruptions to communication.

1. Kannauj Exchange:

(a) One local Board has been replaced by a new one.

(b) New power plant and battery set are being installed.

(c) Acquisition of land for a new exchange and staff quarters is in progress.

2. Kaimganj Exchange:

(a) Installation of T-43 Board is being processed.

(b) Replacement of existing battery by a higher capacity one is under progress.

(c) Acquisition of land for exchange and staff quarters is being processed.

S. Chhigram Exchange:

(a) New battery set has been provided recently.

(b) Acquisition of land for exchange and staff quarters is under process.

4. Gurshaiganj Exchange;

(a) New battery set has been provided recently.

(b) Acquisition of land for exchange and staff quarters is under process.

(c) Action is being taken to install T-43 Board.

5. Kamalganj Exchange:

(a) Action is being taken to install a battery of higher capacity.

(b) Engine alternator indented and will be installed as soon as received.

(c) Action is being taken to install T-43 Board.

>: fa) Acquisition of land for exchange and staff quarters is under progress.

6. Tirwa Exchanges:

(a) Engine alternator indented and the same will be installed as soon as; received-

7. Mohammadabad Exchange:

(a) Engine alternator indented and the same will be installed as soon as received.

SHRI CHADALAVADA VENKAT-RAO: It is a well known fact that whenever we ask something, the hon. Minister will say something and the correct information is never given by the Minister. Who does not know that the telephones are frequently going out of order? Still the hon. Minister says 'no'. I do not know in which part of the country the telephones are working properly and in perfect condition. I would like to know from the hon. Minister-what are the difficulties in making the faulty system up-to-date and keeping it in a perfect condition for the subscribers.

SHRI BRIJ LAL VERMA: I have already stated the steps taken by the Government during this year. One by one all these steps and the places where we are taking these steps have been narrated in this statement. It is no use repeating them. As the

equipment installed there was already faulty, I have this year taken all these steps to improve the system.

SHRI CHADALAVADA VENKAT-RAO: What is the exact date by which all these facilities will be provided to the subscribers? What is the time factor involved?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please resume your seat. Then the Minister reply.

SHRI BRIJ LAL VERMA: If you read the whole statement and the various steps narrated there, it will be very clear that I have taken very major step to overhaul the whole thing in order to improve the system.

SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN: Sir, I am grateful to the honourable Minister for having placed on the Table of the House a very comprehensive statement indicating the steps that are proposed to be taken. But, Sir, may I remind the honourable Minister that when last year the same question was asked, the same answer was given with the same contents in the statement and most probably the same thing has been copied now? Now, in spite of all these things, may I tell the honourable Minister that the telephone services are horrible in this district which happens to be my district? And, if the honourable Minister has any doubt about it, I can give him my telephone number which is 64 and he can try to book a call today and he will not get it for the next one month. I can assure him of this. (Interruptions).

MR. CHAIRMAN: please put your supplementary.

SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN: Now, may I know from the honourable Minister why, if everything was all right as he has said—he has said that there is no deterioration in the service—so many steps are proposed to be taken? When will they be implemented and what is the progress now?

SHRI BRIJ LAL VERMA: Sir, I have already stated everything and I think the honourable Member has not read the statement. I have already stated that with regard to the equipment that was installed, during the previous years, their performance was not proper and so, at present, I am changing the whole thing, I am changing the whole system, which will take its own time as it cannot be changed in one or two days. So, I am saying that we are doing all these things only with a view to improving the position.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Lokesh Chandra. I think this question has been discussed already. Why should you waste the time on this?... (Interruptions). Yes, Mr. Lokesh Chandra.

डा० लोकेश चन्द्र : श्रीमन्, पिछले तीन दिन से मेरी टेलीफोन की लाइन बिगड़ी पड़ी है। इसको सुधारा नहीं जा सकता है क्योंकि जितनी तारें नीचे बिछी हुई हैं वे बरसात के कारण गीली हो गई हैं। जितनी तारे बिछी हुई हैं वह 5-6 वर्ष के पीछे बिछाई गई है वह गली-मड़ी बिछी हुई हैं। हम मद्य निषेध तो कर रहे हैं, परन्तु टेलीफोन की तारें पानी पी-पीकर मदमत्त हो रही हैं। जब भाननीय मंत्री दिल्ली की व्यवस्था ठीक नहीं कर सकते तो उनको त्यागपत्र दे देना चाहिए।

श्री बृजलाल वर्मा : सभापति महोदय, जो ओपनवायरिंग बिछा रखी है, इसमें मैंने लिखा है कि ओपन वायरिंग सिस्टम को मैं कोबल में चेन्ज कर रहा हूँ जिससे कि वे इंफ्रूव हो और जो ओवर वायरिंग अल्यूमीनियम की है उसको कापर वेल्ड वायरिंग में चेन्ज कर रहा हूँ। यह भी मैंने उत्तर में कहा है। अगर मेम्बर महोदय पढ़ें तो यह सवाल उठता ही नहीं।