

connections in Delhi has increased considerably in recent years ; and

(b) if so, what is the number of applications pending at the end of each of the last three years and what steps Government propose to take to clear the backlog ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) (1) No, Sir. (2) The waiting list during the last three years has been as follows :—

As on 31-3-74	—	90015
As on 31-3-75	—	103565
As on 31-3-76	—	47602
As on 31-3-77	—	42652

It may be mentioned that a scheme of advance deposits with the application forms was introduced with effect from Sept., 1975 to ensure that only those with genuine and urgent requirements remained on the waiting list. As a result thereof, the waiting list registered a substantial reduction in 1975-76.

(3) 9023 new telephone connections were added during 1975-76 and 16,085 during 1976-77.

(4) 27,000 lines of new telephone exchange capacity is under installation and is likely to be commissioned during 1977-78. With this and the available capacity it is hoped to add 20,000 new telephone connections during 1977-78.

(5) Plans are in hand to instal about 22,000 lines of telephone exchange equipment in 1978-79.

With these plans it is hoped to substantially reduce the average waiting period for installation of a telephone connection in Delhi/New Delhi areas.

Jobs for unemployed

328. SHRI BAPURAOJI MAROTRAOJI DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration to provide employment to trained B.Ed., D.Ed. and other equally qualified unemployed *your* men and women in the country; and

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

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Tripartite conference convened by (the Ministry of Labour

329. SHRI S. W. DHABE : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the decisions taken at the Tripartite Conference of the representatives of Government, employers and Trade Unions held on the 6th and 7th May, 1977 in New Delhi.

(b) the names of the persons who attended this Conference; and

(c) what was the criterion for selecting participants to the said Conference ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA) : (a) and (b) A statement containing the main conclusions of the Conference (*see* below), and a list containing the names of participants are laid on the Table of the House. [*See* Appendix CI. Annexure No. 23].

(c) As the intention was to make the Conference as broad-based as possible, representation was given to the Central and State Governments, the recognised Central Organisations of employers and the Public Sector employers under the Central and State Governments, the recognised Central Trade Unions and Trade Unions which claimed to be of all-India character. The actual selection of participants was done by the organisations concerned.

Statement Main conclusions of the Tripartite Conference of the representatives of Government, employers and Trade Unions held on the

6th and 7th May, 1977 in New Delhi Item 1 :—Certain issues relating to Comprehensive Law on Industrial Relations.

Item 4 :—Composition of Indian Labour Conference.

It was agreed that a tripartite working group should be set up to discuss and