

(c) the steps which Government propose to take to clear this stock ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK) : (a) The total production of ingot (crude) steel and saleable steel from the six integrated steel plants in the country in 1976-77 was 8.427 million tonnes and 6.922 million tonnes respectively.

(b) As on 31st March, 1977, the total stocks with the integrated steel plants (including stocks in transit and at the stockyards and export-yards) amounted to 1.59 million tonnes. These, however, came down to 1.462 million tonnes as on 31st May, 1977.

(c) As stated above the stocks have gone down since April, 1977. It is expected that as a result of measures taken recently this trend will continue. With the pick up in construction activity the trend should get strengthened even more.

Suspension of Telephone Advisory Committees

311. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT :

SHRI MAHENDRA BAHADUR SINGH :

SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA :

SHRI SRIKANT VERMA :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently suspended the Telephone Advisory Committees in some towns and cities;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what criteria has been laid down for reconstituting these Committees ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) :

(a) Yes, Sir. While the 2-year term of 64 Committees had already expired, 33 Telephone Advisory Committees which were current were suspended recently.

(b) The whole question of constitution of these Committees and their functioning was under review by the Department.

(c) It has since been decided to constitute Telephone Advisory Committees only in Telephone Districts and at State Capitals where telephone exchange capacity exceeds 1500 lines.

Linking of Delhi through Sit

312, SHRIMATI LEELA DAMODARA MENON :

SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR :

SHRI NABIN CHANDRA BURA-GOHAIN :

SHRI NRIPATI RANJAN CHOU-DHURY :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of cities which have so far been connected with Delhi through STD system alongwith their code numbers; and

(b) the names of cities which are likely to be connected with Delhi in the near future or which are at present having trial connections with Delhi through this system ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) The information is given in the Annexure.

(b) The following routes are likely to be connected during the present financial year :—

1. Ludhiana.
2. Ambala.
3. Muzzafarnagar.