

Manufacture of T. V. receiving sets

1428. SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the pending applications for manufacture of T. V. receiving sets from West Bengal have been finally disposed of;

(b) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government with regard to those applications?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) No application for manufacture of T. V. Receivers in West Bengal is pending with the Department of Electronics.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pending applications for New Telephone connections under Calcutta Telephone Exchange

1429. SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications pending for new telephone connections under the special category, Own Your Telephone, and General categories, under the Calcutta Telephones for the last five years; and

(b) by when they are likely to be disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SHANKAR DAYAL SHARMA) :

(a) The number of pending applications for new telephone connections is:—

1. Special Category	1100
2. O. Y. T. Category	22g7
3. General Category	15000

(b) The delay in provision of new connections is due to general shortage of exchange equipment and underground cables. Efforts are constantly being made to expand the telephone systems to meet the pending demands to the maximum possible extent as early as possible within the available limited resources.

Broadcast on AIR in languages

1431. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: SHRI L. MAHAPATRO : SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : SHRI SALIL KUMAR GANGULI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of languages in which the All India Radio broadcast is done; and

(b) the average daily duration of the broadcast in each language?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) All India Radio broadcasts programmes in 169 languages/dialects.

(b) The time and labour involved in collecting this voluminous information from stations does not seem commensurate with the benefit sought to be derived.

Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation

1432. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the West Bengal Government have approached the Central Government for financial assistance for the expansion programme as worked out by the Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation for the next two years; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's decision thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI D. P. DHAR) : (a) and (b) The West Bengal State Government had submitted to the Planning Commission the proposals of the Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation for improving the present generation capability of their system by about 25/50 MW. There proposals were as under :

(1) Provisions of additional boiler plant with an aggregate capacity of 260,000 lbs. per hour, at Mulajore generating station.

(2) Provisions of additional boiler plant, with an aggregate capacity 195,000 lbs per hour, at New Cossipore generating station.

(3) Replacement of existing boiler plant, having a derated capacity of 90,000 lbs. per hour, at Southern generating station by new boiler plant with an aggregate capacity of 195,000 lbs. per hour. The total cost of the proposal was about Rs. 9 crores. The State Government have been requested to approach the financing institutions which possibly finance such schemes.