

Pradesh for installation of new telephone connections; and the number of applications received during the said period under 'Own Your Telephone' scheme;

(b) the number of such applications which are pending for more than three years; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to dispose of pending applications ?]

संचार मंत्री (श्री एस. डी. शर्मा) : (क) मध्य प्रदेश में 31-8-74 को नये टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों के लिये अर्जियों की संख्या 7663 थी। इनमें श्री वाई टी योजना की 510 अर्जियां भी शामिल हैं।

(ख) तीन वर्षों से अधिक समय से अनिर्णीत पड़ी अर्जियों की संख्या 1705 है।

(ग) देश में एक्सचेंज उपकरण और जमींदोज केबलों की श्राम कमी है। अतिरिक्त एक्सचेंज क्षमता और जमींदोज केबलों की व्यवस्था करने के लिये कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं।

लगातार ऐसी कोशिशें की जा रही हैं कि जहां तक हो सके उपलब्ध साधनों के अन्तर्गत ज्यादा से ज्यादा टेलीफोनों की मांगें पूरी कर दी जायें।

t[THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI S. D. SHARMA): (a) The number of applications for new telephone connections in Madhya Pradesh as on 31-8-74 is 7663 including 510 applications under OYT scheme.

(b) The number of applications which are pending for more than three years is 1705.

(c) There is a general shortage of exchange equipment and under-ground cables in the country. Steps are being taken to arrange for additional exchange capacity and under-ground cables.

Efforts are constantly being made to meet the demands to the maximum possible extent within the available resources.]

t[ ] English translation.

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#### Air Pollution in the Capital by I. P. Power Station, New Delhi.

383. SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN:

SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF:

SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA :

SHRI QASIM ALI ABID :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1433 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th December, 1973 and State:

(a) whether Government have since taken any steps to improve the working of the equipment for reducing the emission of fly-ash and density of fall-out at [Indraprastha Power Station, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to reduce the emission of fly-ash and density of fall-out from the Indraprastha Power Station, proper maintenance procedures are being adopted on the dust-precipitation plant as suggested by the Consulting Engineers. Orders have also been placed for worn-out sluice water pumps to improve the ash removal system performance, thereby improving the performance of the dust precipitators. Engineering work in connection with the installation of one common stack of 180 Meters instead of the existing three stacks of small height has been taken up. Also a model study of chimney stability is being carried out in the Aeronautical Engineering Laboratory of the Indian Institute of Sciences Bangalore.