

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI S. D. SHARMA): (a) Crossbar Telephone Exchanges have been installed with the help of M/s. Bell Telephone Manufacturing Company at the following cities :

Madras, Bombay, Delhi & Kanpur.

(b) The dates of commissioning of various exchanges are as follows :

|                               | Lines | Date of commissioning |
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| 1. Madras—Mambalam . . . . .  | 5000  | 4-2-67                |
| 2. Bombay—city . . . . .      | 10000 | 11-11-67              |
| 3. Bombay—Kalbadevi . . . . . | 10000 | 11-11-67              |
| 4. Bombay—Fort . . . . .      | 10000 | 14-8-68               |
| 5. Delhi—Karolbagh . . . . .  | 7000  | 23-2-68               |
| 6. Delhi—Jorbagh . . . . .    | 6000  | 24-3-68               |
|                               | 48000 |                       |
| 7. Madras TAX . . . . .       | 1000  | 29-12-67              |
| 8. Bombay TAX . . . . .       | 2500  | 29-3-69               |
| 9. New Delhi TAX . . . . .    | 2000  | 19-4-69               |
| 10. Kanpur TAX . . . . .      | 1000  | 7-3-70                |

Profit/Loss account for individual Exchanges is not maintained.

#### Loss Incurred by cross-bar Telephone Exchanges

1384. SHRI M. P. VARMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the cross-bar telephone exchanges have not incurred any loss ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI S. D. SHARMA) : Profit and loss accounts are not maintained for individual exchanges.

#### Capacity of cross-bar Exchanges

1385. SHRI M. P. VARMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the cross-bar exchanges are working at 90 per cent of their rated capacity ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI S. D. SHARMA) : Some

of the crossbar exchanges are working at about 90 per cent of their rated (equipped) capacity.

#### Employment of Former Secretary of Ministry of Communications in the world Bank

1386. SHRI M. P. VARMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the former Secretaries in the Ministry of Communications is working with the World Bank; and

(b) if so, what is his name, designation and since when he has been working with the World Bank ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI S. D. SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Manufacture of cross-bar equipments by I.T.I. Bangalore

1387. SHRI M. P. VARMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the global tenders were not invited when the decision was taken to go in for cross-bar exchange in this country; and

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

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI S. D. SHARMA): (a) Global tenders were invited for the cross-bar systems.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Periodicity of Calls

1388. SHRI RABI RAY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the periodicity of calls to be handled by the