

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
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/Toss 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): Global tenders were invited for the crossbar 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