

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/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