

**66 AND 67 EXCHANGES OF CALCUTTA TELEPHONES**

179. SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI: DR. R. K. CHAKRABARTI: SHRI K. B. CHETTRI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the present operational inefficiency of the 66 and 67 exchanges of the Calcutta Telephones;

(b) whether it is a fact that excessive load in these two exchanges have been causing constant troubles to the consumers;

(c) if so, what steps Government have been taking to improve the efficiency of these two exchanges; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) and (b) 66 and 67 exchanges of Calcutta Telephones system are quite old and " spare parts for maintenance for the purpose are not readily available.

(c) and (d) Some spare parts have already been received and arrangements are being made for replacement in a phased programme. Additional staff as justified has also been sanctioned for gearing up the maintenance effort.

**PENSION FOR WOMEN FREEDOM FIGHTERS FROM PUNJAB**

180. SHRIMATI SITA DEVI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications received from Punjab for the grant of pensipns to freedom fighters;

(b) the details of the cases disposed of so far;

(c) how many cases of women freedom fighters have been disposed of; and how many are pending; and

(d) whether any criteria has been fixed to consider the cases on priority basis; if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) 9,252 applications have been received till 17th February, 1973.

(b)-the number of cases sanctioned is 129 and the number of cases rejected is 4.

(c) Appliactions from women freedom fighters have not been segregated as all appliactions are taken up according to the date of their receipt. So far 17 cases of women freedom fighters have been disposed of.

(d)The following criteria has been fixed to consider cases on priority basis: —

(i) Extreme old age of the applicant (exceeding 80 years).

(ii) Serious illness of the freedom fighters.

(iii) Extreme financial hard-ship due to no other source of income.

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183. SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA: SHRI M. K. MOHTA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the output of Paper Industry in India during the years 1970, 1971 and 1972 as against the installed capacity;

(b) whether any steps were taken by Government to increase the output of the existing paper industry; 'and

(c) if so, the details thereof, and the results achieved?