

BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) During the current Five Year Plan period, it is proposed to implement the following schemes to augment the service to Adivasi areas in Bihar and Orissa

(i) Upgrading the power of the existing transmitter and the construction of permanent studios in Ranchi

(ii) Upgrading the power of the existing transmitters in Cuttack and Jeypore and the construction of permanent studios in Jeypore and Sambalpur

#### PER CAPITA INCOME IN MADHYA PRADESH

\*262 SHRI SWAISINGH SISODIA Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state

(a) the per capita income in Madhya Pradesh during the last 2 years, year wise as compared to other States of the country

(b) the per capita income of various income groups of people in Madhya Pradesh as compared to the respective groups of the other States and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the income of backward areas in Madhya Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix IXXX Annexure No. 32]

#### MADRAS TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

\*263 SHRI S A KHAJA MOHIDEEN Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the present capacity of Telephone Exchange in Madras cannot cope with the increasing demand for new telephone connections there, and

(b) if so whether Government have made an assessment about the demand for new telephone connections in the state with a view to expanding its capacity ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA) (a) Yes Sir In some exchange areas the demands cannot be met

(b) Yes Sir Assessment has been made as per individual exchange areas As on 31-3-72 the total demands of Madras city Telephone system are 57,353 and the equipped capacity is 57,300

For other places in the State of Tamil Nadu the total demands are 68,399 and the equipped capacity is 77,627 Expansions of about 9,240 lines have been planned at places where the total demands have exceeded the capacities.

#### SOURCES TO EARN FOREIGN EXCHANGE

\*264 SHRI U K LAKSHMANA GOWDA Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state

(a) the main sources from which Government propose to earn foreign exchange in the remaining years of the Fourth Five Year Plan to meet the foreign exchange requirements of the country, and

(b) what concrete steps Government have taken for tapping those sources ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) (a) and (b) The main source for earning foreign exchange in the remaining years of the Fourth Five Year Plan is expected to merchandise exports Amongst these, the main items include jute manufactures, tea, cotton textiles, engineering goods, iron ore, leather and leather manufactures, cashew kernels, oilcake, tobacco, spices, coffee, fish and fish products, chemicals and allied products, handicrafts etc

Among the steps taken the more important ones are provision of import replenishment, removal of capacity constraints, priority and larger allocation of scarce raw materials, railway freight concession, drawback of import and excise duties and other general and specific reliefs Other steps are in the field of quality control, exploration of foreign markets, generation of export surpluses and special programmes for raising the domestic output of the main commercial crops The institutional set up for exports has also been strengthened

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