

on his advice were withheld from transmission by the Telegraph Office, Cuttack, the PMG Orissa Circle issued circular instructions to the effect that any doubts regarding press messages from accredited press correspondents should be referred to his office for orders. It has subsequently been further clarified from the P.&T. Directorate by a circular letter to all concerned that such references to the PMsG in case of doubt should only be after such telegrams are 'transmitted onwards and, only after the transmission of such messages, any action, if necessary, may be taken to refer to the higher authorities.

(c) Yes.

TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS AT KOLHAPUR AND SANGLI

1522. SHRI G. R. PATIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for telephone connections pending in the telephone Exchange offices at "Kolhapur and Sangli during the last two years;

(b) the number of telephone connections installed in these two cities during the above period;

(c) the reasons for the delay in giving telephone connections; and

(d) by when the applicants will be given telephone connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) The waiting list as on 31st December, 1968 has been 1158 at Kolhapur and 397 at Sangli.

(b) During the last two years 300 connections were given at Kolhapur and 209 at Sangli.

(c) The delay occurred due to shortage of exchange capacity at

1 Kolhapur and shortage of underground cable capacity at Sangli.

(d) It is not possible to say exactly when the applicants on the waiting lists will be given connections, as there is shortage of resources with the department to meet the full demands for phone connections.

EMPLOYEES IN DIVISIONAL TELEPHONE OFFICE, KOLHAPUR

1523. SHRI G. R. PATIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees in class I, class II and class III working in the divisional telephone office at Kolhapur; and

(b) the number of these employees belonging to Scheduled Caste and backward class?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) There is a Telegraph Engineering Divisional office at Kolhapur and not Telephone Divisional Office. Statistics of the number of employees in the Divisional Office is given below: —

Class I	.	.	1 (One)
Class II	.	.	1 (One)
Class III	.	.	90 (Ninety)

(b) Scheduled Caste Backward Caste class

Class I	.	Nil	Nil
Class II	.	Nil	Nil
Class III	.	18 (Eighteen)	Nil

CAPACITY FOR SUGAR PRODUCTION

1524. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the licensed capacity as on 31st December, 1968 for manufacture of