

TOURIST AND TOURIST EARNINGS

475. SHRI ANSARUDDIN AHMAD: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many foreigners visited India as tourists in 1961-62 and how many during the previous year; and

(b) the foreign exchange earned from the tourists during 1961-62 as against similar earning during the previous year?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BHADUR): (a) Tourist statistics are compiled for calendar years. The numbers of foreign tourists who visited India in 1960 and 1961 are:

Year	Number of tourists
1960	1,23,095
1961	1,39,804

(b) The foreign exchange earnings are assessed by the Reserve Bank of India. The provisional figures as given by the Reserve Bank are:

Year	Foreign exchange earned (Rs. in crores)
1960	20.56
1961	18.49.

**APPLICATIONS FOR TELEPHONES
PENDING AT GAUHATI**

476. SHRI R. N. KAKATI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of applications for the installation of telephones are pending with the District Manager, Telephones, Gauhati;

(b) if so, the number of such applications;

(c) how Government propose to dispose them of; and

(d) the approximate time that will be taken for the disposal of these applications?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI): (a) A number of applications are pending at Gauhati. [There is no District Manager, Telephones, Gauhati. The officer incharge of telephones is the Divisional Engineer Telegraphs, Gauhati.]

(b) 750.

(c) and (d). Approximately 100 connections are expected to be given this year and further 300 connections in 1963. Further connections can be given after replacement and expansion of existing exchange. A scheme for a 1400 lines auto exchange at Gauhati has been sanctioned and is under execution. Further expansion by 1400 lines is also being processed. This is expected to be completed towards the end of 1965.

टेलीफोन की दरें

४७७. श्री भगवत नारायण भागवत : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार टेलीफोन की दरों को बढ़ाने का विचार रखती है; यदि हाँ, तो किस हिसाब से दरें बढ़ाने का विचार है; और

(ख) पिछली बार यह दरें कब बढ़ाई गई थीं और किस हिसाब से बढ़ाई गई थीं ?

†[TELEPHONE CALL RATES

477. SHRI B. N. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enhance the charges for telephone calls; if so, the extent to which rates are proposed to be enhanced; and