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(b) if so, the details of the action plan; and

(c) how far this would help to address this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Water harvesting works are permissible under the MPLADS Scheme.

(b) and (c) Water harvesting including rain water harvesting will help in augmenting the surface water and raising the ground water level thereby enhancing the availability of water for use. As and when Member of Parliament recommends rain water harvesting works in a particular area, the district authority concerned examines and sanctions the same, if found feasible and permissible under the MPLADS Scheme.

Upgradation of Telephone Exchanges in Mizoram

*267. SHRI LALHMING LIANA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Telephone Exchanges with their capacity in the State of Mizoram and the exchanges which are earmarked for upgradation during the current financial year;

(b) whether BSNL is contemplating to cover the whole State of Mizoram with WLL during the financial year 2005-06; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) There are 69 Telephone Exchanges with the capacity of 71892 lines in the Mizoram State. The exchanges in Statement-I (See below) are earmarked for upgradation during the current financial year.

(b) and (c) BSNL is contemplating WLL coverage almost in the whole State of Mizoram during 2005-06. At present there are 7 Nos of BTSs, each of 500 lines capacity (Total 3500 lines) as per details given in the Statement-II (See below) and there is a plan of add 23 more BTSs with the total capacity of 17250 during the current financial year 2005-06 as per details mentioned in the Statement-III.

Statement-I*List of SBM Exchanges to be upgraded to RSU during 2005-06*

Sl. No.	Name of Exchange	Capacity
1.	Khazawl	1000
2.	Chawngte	752
3.	Demagiri	1000
4.	Lungsen	384

List of 256 P Exchanges to be upgraded to AN RAX during 2005-06

1	Bairabi	304
2	Baktawng	304
3	Bualpui	152
4	Baulpui-NG	184
5	Buarpul	336
6	Bunghmum	152
7	Chhiahtiang	336
8	Kawlkulh	304
9	Khawbung	304
10	Khawhai	152
11	Lakhicherra	336
12	Mampui	248
13	Maubawk	184
14	N. Vaniaiphai	304
15	Ngopa	344
16	Sangau	168
17	Sialsuk	304
18	Tawipui-n	184
19	Thenzawl	352
20	Tlungvel	320
21	W. Phaileng	304
22	Turial Neepco	152

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Statement-II

List of 7 WLL BTSs (500 lines each) presently working in Mizoram State

Sl. No.	Name of BTS location	Name of District
1	Aizawl	Aizawl
2	Hnathial	Lunglei
3	Kolasib	Aizawl
4	Lunglei	Lunglei
5	Mamit	Aizawl
6	Serchhip	Aizawl
7	Thingsulthiah	Aizawl

Statement-III

List of locations where will coverage (750 lines each) is planned in 2005-06

Sl. No.	Location/site name	Name of District
1	Dariawn	Aizawl
2	Siasluk hill top	Aizawl
3	Champhai	Champhai
4	Hliappui	Champhai
5	Kawlkulh	Champhai
6	Khawbung.	Champhai
7	Khawhai	Champhai
8	Ngopa	Champhai
9	Bilkhawthlir	Kolasib
10	Kawnpui	Kolasib
11	Lokhicherra	Kolasib
12	Chawngte	Lawngthlai
13	South Bungtiang	Lawngthlai
14	Siatlai (within Town) ALT is 4600 ft.	Saiha
15	Haulawng	Lunglei
16	Lungsen	Lunglei

Sl. No.	Location/site name	Name of District
17	Thingfal	Lunglei
18	West Kawnpui	Lunglei
19	Pukzing	Mamit
20	West Phaileng	Mamit
21	Saiha	Saiha
22	Sangau	Saiha
23	Falkawn Referrel Ho. spital	Aizawl

National Ship Design and Research Institute

*268. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present role of the NSDRI in Visakhapatnam;
- (b) the funding provided by Government to the NSDRI over the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the work load and work output of NSDRI is totally inadequate;
- (d) whether Government propose to wind up the Institute;
- (e) if so, whether Government would hand over the NSDRI to Andhra University; and
- (f) if not, the reasons for funding of NSDRI?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TR. BAALU): (a) The National Ship Design and Research Centre (NSDRC) is primarily engaged in ship design and research activity.

(b) The Government has not provided budgetary support to NSDRC over the last three years for its day-to-day functioning. However, NSDRC has been given grant-in-aid of Rs. 5.00 lacs during 2002-2003 and Rs. 19.50 lacs during 2003-2004 for carrying out a study on Assessment of Demand Vs. Capacity of Shipbuilding and Standardisation of Ships.

(c) The output of NSDRC is sub-optimal.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.