

Investment by Public Sector and Private Sector in Cable Manufacture

3538. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether both public sector and private sector cable manufacturers are having a large inventory of jelly-filled and dry paper-coated cables;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total real investment in private and public sector in the seventh Plan period in telecommunications as a whole and in cables, terminal equipment, components and switching in particular; and

(d) the shortfall in the country in terms of telephone lines and in the area of switching?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA). (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

[*Translation*]

Speed Post Service in Chhota Nagpur

3539 SHRI SIMON MARANDI Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the places in Chhota Nagpur-Senthal Pargana area in Bihar where Speed Post Service is available.

(b) whether there is any proposal to extend it to some more places in this area during 1990-91; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The Speed Post Service is available in Ranchi, Jamshedpur and Dhanbad.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply in (b) above.

[*English*] -

Installation of Max-I at Nanded (Maharashtra)

3540 DR. VENKATESH KABDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to install Max-I telephone exchange at Nanded in Maharashtra in near future;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be installed, and

(c) the time by which the waiting list for telephone connections at Nanded will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Telephone exchange is likely to be installed by September, 1990.

(c) Nearly 70% of the present Waiting list is proposed to be cleared by March, 91 and the remaining Waiting List will be cleared subsequently.

Maintenance of Telephone Exchange in Calcutta

3541. SHRI M.V. CHANRASHEKARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply