

No new city in M.P. is likely to be linked with metropolitan cities by STD during 1985-86.

(b) Provision of STD facilities between the metropolitan cities and important cities in different States is a part of the nation-wide subscriber trunk dialling through a network of Trunk Automatic Exchanges which is being progressively implemented in the five year plan programmes.

By the end of Sixth Plan 267 cities are connected to Trunk Automatic Exchange network for nation-wide subscriber trunk dialling. During the 7th plan period the number of cities in the country to be connected to nation-wide subscriber trunk dialling through Trunk Automatic Exchanges is proposed to be increased to about 1200.

**Entry of Foreign Companies in
Consumer Goods Industry**

4143. SHRI D. P. JADEJA :
SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH :
SHRI MANORANJAN
BHAKTA :

Will the Ministry of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government wants more foreign companies to enter the consumer goods industry which hitherto was considered low priority ;

(b) whether it is for technology or for foreign capital ;

(c) the impact it will have on our indigenous production ; and

(d) whether this shift of policy is helpful to self-reliance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) to (d) : Government's policy regarding import

of technology is selective. Import of technology is permitted in sophisticated and high priority areas, in export-oriented or import substitution manufacturing, or for enabling indigenous industry to update existing technology in India to meet effectively changing consumer preferences and/or become competitive in the export market.

[Translation]

**Amount Allocated to Bihar for
Industrial Development in
Rural Areas**

4144. SHRI R. S. KHIRHAR ;
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any separate allocations have been made in the current central budget for the industrial development of the rural areas in the country ; and

(b) if so, the amount, out of it allocated for Bihar, which is a backward State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b) : An amount of Rs. 60.00 crores has been provided in the B.E. 1985-86 under the Central Incentive Schemes for industrial development of backward areas. No State-wise allocation of funds has been made for the purpose.

**Construction of Houses in Kanpur
City for Defence Employees**

4145. SHRI NARESH CHANDRA CHATURVEDI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether keeping in view the great accommodation problem faced by thousands of employees working in several offices of the Department of Defence located in Kanpur City, Government have formulated any scheme to construct houses ;