

STD Facility in Towns of Madhya Pradesh

1868. SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide STD facilities at Ganj Basoda, Raisen, Mandideep and Sironj towns of Madhya Pradesh in near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). Raisen is planned for STD during 1989-90, and the remaining three stations are being considered for STD facility during the Eighth Plan.

Setting up of Telecom Equipment Factories

1869. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to set up four telecom equipment factories in the country soon;

(b) if so, the details of these factories;

(c) the names of the places where these factories are likely to be set up;

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up one of the factories in Orissa; if so the name of the place;

(e) the total cost of these factories;

(f) the details of the equipment and components likely to be manufactured in these factories; and

(g) when the construction work of these

factories is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (g). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

U.S. Offer for Research and Development Technology

1870. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether USA has made any offer for providing research and development technology to Indian companies;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in this regard so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (d). The State of Ohio under its Thomas Edison Programme has offered cooperation to Indian industries in the field of research and development of technology. They have set up nine technology centres, bringing together business units, universities and other relevant institutions on promising areas of research. The Punjab, Haryana and Delhi (PHD) Chambers of Commerce and Industry has a Memorandum of Understanding with them for economic cooperation relating to S & T, promotion of joint ventures, participation in fairs, technical training etc. The question as to how Indian Indus-