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37. Sh. P.C. Sethi, Ex. MP, Ujjain (MP)
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[English]

Development of Telephone Exchanges

939. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether indigenous research and development of telephone exchanges are not capable to meet increasing demand for telephones in the country;

(b) the present position of country's R&D units; and

(c) the time by which the country is likely to be self-sufficient in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKHRAM): (a) to (c). For expansion of the Telecom network in the country, Telephone Exchanges of different capacities are required. Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), and the Research and Development wing of M/s. Indian Telephone Industries are engaged in the development of indigenous telephone exchanges. Indigenously designed teleph[hone exchanges of small and medium capacity are in production/use in the country. Large capacity digital telephone exchange is under development. This is likely to be completed by the end of the 8th Five Year Plan.

Upgradation of Indian Tourist Office Abroad

940. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to revive and upgrade India tourist offices in foreign countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b). Review of Tourist Offices abroad is a continuous process with a view to promoting tourist traffic to the country. Recently the tourist office at Singapore has been revived and upgraded to that of Regional Director. A new office is proposed to be opened in Seoul shortly.