

The major thrust areas for affecting energy efficiency improvement in the power sector are:—

- (i) Mass awareness campaign,
- (ii) Training Programme,
- (iii) Institutional Building,
- (iv) Creation of capabilities of taking up energy activity.

Since industrial sector consumes about 50% of Commercial energy, the maximum thrust is on this sector followed by transport, residential and commercial sector.

[Translation]

National Highway in Gujarat

1864. SHRI DILEEP BHAI SANGHANI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Highway of Gujarat has been considerably damaged by recent rains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the financial assistance sought by Gujarat Government in this regard and the amount sanctioned and provided to Gujarat Government by the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Various types of damages such as rain cuts, pot-holes, settlement and upheaval of pavement, washing away of shoulders and pavement together with loss of wearing surface etc. had occurred on the National Highways in Gujarat during the last rainy season. Repair estimates amounting to Rs. 3.04 crore have been sanctioned so far during 1994-95 against the demand of Rs. 9.24 crore projected by the State Govt. and a sum of Rs. 0.50 crore has been released so far.

[English]

Telephone Exchanges in Maharashtra

1865. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the work items completed in respect of the Exchanges Type E-10-B and C-DOT sanctioned in the commissioning programme for New Exchanges 1994-95 and STD plan for Taluka Head Quarters in Maharashtra Telecom Circle;
- (b) the time required for completion of the remaining items of the programme for 1994-95; and
- (c) the reasons for failure to complete the entire programme for 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) In Maharashtra Telecom Circle 16 New exchanges of E10B type and 338 of C-DOT type exchanges were sanctioned for the commissioning programme of new exchanges

during 1994-95. All works pertaining to these exchanges have been completed.

STD for 35 Taluka Head-quarters was planned during 94-95. STD for 20 Taluka Headquarters has been provided.

(b) Provision of STD to the remaining Taluka Headquarters is in progress and the same is planned to be completed by 31-3-95.

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

Sanitation Scheme in Vijayawada

1866. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to implement low cost sanitation scheme in Vijayawada;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the participation of Union and State Governments and Vijayawada Municipal Corporation in this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. A scheme for construction of 18,725 low cost sanitary latrines with a project cost of Rs. 688.61 lakhs has been sanctioned for Vijayawada. The Central Government subsidy is Rs. 190.58 lakhs. The HUDCO loan commitment is Rs. 402.1 lakhs. The balance cost is to be met by the individual beneficiaries. The State Government provides guarantee for the HUDCO loan. The Municipal Corporation is the implementing agency for execution of this project.

[Translation]

Enquiry Services

1867. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA:
SHRI RAM PAL SINGH:
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited has introduced Telephone Enquiry Services "195" and "197" for the facility of telephone subscribers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of the places where the above services have been introduced at the first instance;
- (d) whether the above services are likely to be introduced for other places too; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) 197 Directory Enquiry Service is already working throughout the Country. No Directory Enquiry Service with Code "195" has been opened by MTNL.

(b) Subscriber can obtain local telephone number through "197" Service by giving names and address of the Party. They can also obtain names and address by giving the telephone number.

(c) to (e). "197" Services in large exchange areas is working all over the country since a long time.

[English]

Telephone/Telex/Fax in Gujarat

1868. SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone, telex and fax connections provided in Gujarat during 1993-94 and till date;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase such connections during 1995-96; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Information is furnished in the enclosed Statement.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The number of connections proposed to be provided during 1995-96 are as under:—

(i) Telephone	— 1,45,000
(ii) Telex	— Demand is falling in view of the Subscribers Switching to FAX & other facilities.
(iii) Fax	— Only licences are issued by DOT for installation/use of FAX Machines. The FAX Machines are installed by the subscribers themselves.

STATEMENT

	Connections Provided During	
	1993-94	1994-95 (Upto 19th March, 95)
(i) Telephone	81,486	80,445
(ii) NIL	NIL	NIL
(iii) Fax	Only licences are issued by DOT for installation/use of FAX Machines. The FAX Machines are installed by the subscribers themselves.	

Pak Intrusion

1869. DR. R. MALLU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Pakistani steamer intruded into the Indian territorial waters of Okha Port in Kutch district of Gujarat on November 28, 1994 and Pakistani Maritime Agency (PMA) abducted about 70 Indian fishermen alongwith ten fishing boats;

(b) whether it is also a fact that when the PMA were taking the Indian fishermen towards Pakistan the latter cut the ropes, ran to the shore and swam back to the country;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether the Government have lodged any protest with the Government of Pakistan in this regard;

(e) if so, Pakistan's reaction thereto; and

(f) the number of Indian fishermen who have been abducted and at present kept in Pakistani Jails and the steps Government have taken for their release?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

(f) According to available information there are 187 Indian fishermen in Pakistani custody. Government have taken up the matter of early release and repatriation of all Indian fishermen in Pak custody with the Government of Pakistan. The modalities of release and repatriation of these Indian fishermen are under discussion through diplomatic channels.

Losing SAIL Units

1870. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
SHRI SRIKANTA JENA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether SAIL units has been losing to the private pig-iron producers in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the percentage of decline in the sale of pig-iron from the SAIL units during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) the estimated annual loss suffered as a result thereof; and

(e) the measures contemplated by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. SAIL is primarily in the business of marketing of steel and only the surplus quantity of pig iron which is left over after meeting the requirements of Steel Plants for steel making etc. is diverted for sale. Hence, the question of SAIL units losing to private pig iron producers does not arise.

(c) They year-wise sales of pig iron from SAIL units (excluding IISCO) during the last 3 years is given below:

Year	Quantity ('000MT)
1991-92	309.2
1992-93	130.6
1993-94	264.8
1994-95	469.6
(April-February '95)	(provisional)

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Modernisation of Bokaro Steel Plant

1871. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contract for renovation of Bokaro Steel Plant has been awarded to an Australian Company; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?