

**STATEMENT—II***Quantum of orders given and equipment procured*

S.No.	Manufacturer	Equipment : 128 P RAX	
		Ordered	Supplied till 15-3-90
1	2	3	4
1.	Indian Telephone Industries	694	103
2.	W.S. Industries	100	25
3.	Punjab Communications	100	—
4.	Maharashtra Electronics Development Corporation	100	18
5.	National Radio & Elect	100	—
6.	INDCHEM Electronics	100	5
7.	Bharat Electronics	100	18
8.	Bharat Heavy Electricals	100	1
9.	Karnataka Telecom	100	15
10.	Kerala Electronics Dev. Corporation Ltd.	100	10
11.	Radiant Electronics	100	—
12.	Jammu & Kashmir Telecom	100	—

**Replacing Subsidy to Pepperwine  
Farmers**

1748. SHRI K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give replanting subsidy and free fungicides to the pepperwine farmers in Idukki District of Kerala where pepperwines have been

damaged due to quickwilt, flea beetle and other fungus diseases; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) and (b). A Centrally Sponsored Integrated Programme for the Development of Spices is being implemented in Kerala. Under this programme, large scale produc-

tion and distribution of rooted cuttings of high yielding varieties of pepper, distribution of input kits containing fertilisers and plant protection chemicals at nominal cost and plant protection sprayers at 50% subsidised rate, rehabilitation of pepper gardens by replanting the unproductive vines and adopting recommended package of practices at 50% subsidy on the cost of cultivation etc. are being taken up to benefit the farmers. Idukki being a major pepper growing area in the state, due importance has been given in the programme. This programme will be continued during the next year also.

#### **Development of C-Dot Technology**

1749. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether C-Dot technology has been launched in the country;

(b) if so, special features of this technology;

(c) whether some delay in the development of this technology has been reported; and

(d) if so, details thereof and action contemplated therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Special features of C-DOT Technology are as below:

- (i) Non-blocking Architecture upto 16,000 ports.
- (ii) Technology developed with Indian talent.
- (iii) Maximum use of indigenous com-

ponents.

(iv) Suitable for Indian conditions.

(v) Lower cost compared to imported technologies both for production and usage.

(vi) Use of high level language 'C' for software.

(vii) Modular, flexible, expandable.

(viii) Easy to install, maintain and operate.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Delay of about one and half year is expected in productionisation of large main exchange. Expert Committee has been set up by the Government of India to ascertain the reasons for delay and recommend measures for speeding up the development and production. Report of the committee is expected by the end of March, 1990.

#### **Unclaimed Postal Life Insurance Policies**

1750. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-Wise/Union Territory-wise number of Postal Life Insurance Policies which remain unclaimed, alongwith State-wise amount of such unclaimed policies and the action taken to locate the nominees; and

(b) the steps contemplated to obtain full particulars of prospective policy holders?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) The Circle-wise number of Postal Life Insurance policies