

(c) whether the Government propose to privatise the phone system in the country as in USA and other countries?

than the rentals in Norway, UK and USA. The information relating to Malaysia, Thailand and China is not available.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The rental charges by Delhi Telephones is not higher

(b) The comparative annual rentals for telephones in Norway, UK and USA as per the information available is as under:-

Norway (as on January 1990)	—	Rs. 3684.24	— No free calls
U.K. (September 1990)			
Residence	—	Rs. 3538.12	— No free calls
Business	—	Rs. 5732.83	— No free calls
U.S.A. (January 1988)	—	Rs. 4560.65	— No free calls.
DELHI (on date)	—	Rs. 1980.00	— free calls 900 per annum. @ 150 per bimonthly billing period

(c) No, Sir.

being worked out and will be placed on the Table for the House.

#### Telecom Facilities in Maharashtra

4074. SHRI RAMCHANDRA GHAN-GARE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to extend Telecommunication facilities in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details of places selected for the purpose, district-wise; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details for 1992-93 are

[Translation]

#### Microwave System in Rajasthan

4075. SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to make communication system more effective in tribal areas such as Udaipur, Banwara and Dungarpur of Rajasthan;

(b) whether the Government propose to introduce microwave system in hilly areas in the State; and

(c) if so, when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE