

(b) (i) For Karnataka the present waiting list is likely to be cleared by 1990.

(ii) For Bangalore Telephone District major part of the waiting list is likely to be cleared by 1990.

Financial implication for expansion of telephone lines

2051. SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :
SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA :
SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH
MALIK :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the cities where more than ten thousand lines telephone exchanges are likely to be opened ; and

(b) the financial implication for the expansion of telephone lines for the next year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Names of the Cities where more than ten thousand lines of telephone exchanges are likely to be commissioned during the remaining period of 7th Five Year Plan are given in the Statement below.

(b) Outlay of Rs. 1134.12 crores has been approved by Planning Commission for the Department of Telecommunications in respect of its Annual Plan for the next year (1987-88).

Statement

Names of the cities where more than ten thousand lines of telephone exchanges are likely to be commissioned :-

1. Bombay
2. Calcutta
3. Delhi
4. Madras

5. Ahmedabad
6. Bangalore
7. Hyderabad
8. Kanpur
9. Pune
10. Vijayawada
11. Patna
12. Surat
13. Baroda
14. Ernakulam
15. Trivandrum
16. Indore
17. Nagpur
18. Chandigarh
19. Jalandhar
20. Ludhiana
21. Faridabad
22. Jaipur
23. Coimbatore
24. Lucknow
25. Ghaziabad.

Paris Convention on Patent Rights

2052. DR. C. P. THAKUR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken regarding India joining the Paris Convention on Patent Rights ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) No decision has been taken by the Government regarding India's joining the Paris Convention.