

### **Modernisation of Telecommunication System in Vijayawada**

9475. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the details of the plan to modernise the telecommunication system of Vijayawada telephones comprising Vijayawada Municipal Corporation and the surrounding areas in 1988-89 and thereafter?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): The expansion and modernisation programme for Vijayawada Telecom District in 1988-89 and thereafter is as under:

- (1) Commissioning of 4000 lines Main Electronic Exchange (E-10B) in 1988-89.
- (2) Commissioning of 500 lines Electronic Trunk Automatic Exchange in 1988-89.
- (3) Commissioning of 250 lines Electronic Telex exchange (Concentrator) in 1988-89.
- (4) Installation of additional PCM systems in 1988-89 and 89-90.
- (5) Computerisation of Directory Enquiry Service.
- (6) Provision of Ducts for junction cables.
- (7) Computerisation of Manual Trunk Exchange for ticketless working.
- (8) Centralised Processing Unit for group computerisation of '197' services.

### **Revenue Earning Districts**

9476. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the top ten revenue earning districts (excluding the four Metropolitan cities and

State Capitals) in the country under the Telecommunications Department; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). The top ten revenue - earning districts (excluding) the four Metropolitan cities and State Capitals) in the country under the Telecommunications Department are:-

- 1) Baroda
- 2) Coimbatore
- 3) Ernakulam
- 4) Indore
- 5) Kanpur
- 6) Ludhiana
- 7) Madurai
- 8) Nagpur
- 9) Pune
- 10) Surat

### **Setting up of Transposer in Vijayawada**

9477. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply given on 9 March, 1987 to Unstarred Question No. 1925 regarding setting up of transposer in Vijayawada and state:

(a) whether the transposer equipment has since been installed to enable the residents of Vijayawada city to view the Door-darshan programmes clearly;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be installed;

(d) whether Government propose to import the transposer equipment for early

installation in the interest of public of Vijayawada; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) TV transposer is a new type of equipment which is yet to be manufactured in the country.

(c) As per the present indications, the proposed transposer for Vijayawada is expected to be installed and commissioned into service during 1989-90.

(d) There is no such proposal under the consideration of Government.

(e) It has been decided to procure the transposers indigenously as the necessary expertise to develop this type of equipment exists in the country.

#### **Phasing out of Song and Drama Division and Directorate of Field Publicity**

9478. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to phase out Song and Drama Division and the Directorate of Field Publicity;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to make any alternative arrangements in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c). No, Sir. There is no proposal to phase out these two organisations. However, it has been decided not to fill up the vacant posts of Staff Artists in Song and Drama Division with a view to revamping the publicity through the medium of song and drama by engaging

private troupes/artists in the long term. The existing staff will, however, continue.

#### **Setting up of Carbon Fibre Manufacturing Plant by Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd.**

9479. SHRI MURALIDHAR MANE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited has a proposal to set up a carbon fibre manufacturing plant in collaboration with a UK based plastic company; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the name of the UK based plastic company, the site selected for the purpose and the amount involved?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL) propose to set up the Research and Development Pilot Plant and Associated Product Applications Development facilities for Carbon Fibre based on know-how from M/s. R.K. Textiles & Composite Fibres Ltd., U.K. at its Baroda Complex at an estimated cost of Rs. 31 crores with a foreign exchange component of Rs. 13.23 crores.

#### **Fixation of Prices of Drugs**

9480. SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of drugs falling under category I of the Drugs (Prices Control), Order, 1987 whose formulation prices have been fixed as per the revised Maximum Allowable Post Manufacturing Expense (MAPE) alongwith the name strength, earlier and revised price of each;

(b) whether his Ministry has not fixed the prices of all the strengths of finished medicines based on these drugs;

(c) whether the prices of a number of formulations being marketed in combina-