

[English]

Manufacture of Electronic Switches System

4281. SHRI G.S.BASAVARAJU:
SHRI SHANTILAL PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have decided to perpetuate the stranglehold of State-owned Indian Telephone Industries in the manufacture of electronic switching systems;

(b) if so, whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. had also rejected to enter the field;

(c) if so, what were the main reasons; and

(d) whether the Indian Telephone Industries is capable of manufacturing electronic switching systems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Indian Telephone Industries has been the sole and premier manufacturing Company for electronic Switching system since Independence. On account of large trained manpower and vast infrastructure that it has, it is expected to maintain its primacy in this field.

(b) This Ministry has no information.

(c) Does not arise

(d) Yes, sir.

[Translation]

Opening of Postal Agency Counters

4282. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the previous and present policy of Department of Posts in regard to opening of Postal Agency Counters at all India level;

(b) whether the policy is now being withdrawn; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to strengthen the Postal Agency Counter system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b). In August, 1985 a decision was taken to issue licences for setting up of licensed postal agencies. Subsequently, in July 1987 it was decided that no fresh licenses should be issued and that after a case-by-case review, the existing licensed postal agents may be allowed to function till the expiry of the licenses issued to them.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Telecast of Nepali Film "Samjhana"

4283. SHRIMATI D.K.BHANDARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain requests have been received in his Ministry for telecast of Nepali feature film 'Samjhana';

(b) if so, when the said film is proposed to be telecast; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L.BHAGAT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The producer has been requested to send the detailed offer along with the print of the film to Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi for preview to decide its suitability for telecast on Doordarshan.