

out those whose contributions cease to be sustained and creative and (b) provide for advancement of those who have continued to make useful and creative contribution in their fields. Appropriate retirement benefits will also be made available to them.

Installation of Optical Fibre Transmission Lines

2551. SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOSSAIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) names of those places where the optical fibre transmission lines have already been installed; and

(b) names of those places where these lines are to be installed and when, with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) An experimental optical fibre cable communication project with imported cable and equipment has been commissioned in Pune in 1979 and the system is under operation. 120 telephone junctions has been provided on a pair of optical fibres in this experimental project. Separately, an indigenous optical fibre communication equipment for similar operation has been designed and is working on a second set of fibres in the same optical fibre cable in Pune.

(b) No proposals have been finalised yet.

British Offer of Digital Electronic Telephone Exchange

2552. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a British offer of digital electronic

telephone exchange is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted or considered the offer; and

(c) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. An offer from a British Manufacturer has been received against our global tender for containerised small rural exchanges.

(b) and (c). The tenders are under evaluation.

Terms and Conditions for Grant of Loan for film Production

2553. SHRI D. S. A. SIVAPRAKASHAM Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications for film production and theatre construction were received during the year 1981 by Film Development Corporation;

(b) how many applications were sanctioned under each category;

(c) names of the applicants to whom loans were sanctioned and the amount sanctioned under each category; and

(d) what are the terms and conditions of grant of loan under each category?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The National Film Development Corporation Limited received 53 loan applications for construction of theatres and 83 applications for