

Telephone connections in Jamnagar

2418. SHRI D. P. JADEJA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the existing number of Telephone connections in Jamnagar ;

(b) the number of applications for new connections which are pending at present ;

(c) whether Government propose to install Automatic Dialling System in Jamnagar Telephone Exchange ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA):
(a) 1675.

(b) 941

(c) Yes. It has been decided to replace the existing exchange at Jamnagar by a Automatic Exchange. The building work for the exchange will commence in 1972 and the automatic exchange will be commissioned into service in 1975-76.

(d) Does not arise.

Inclusion of Jamnagar in Second Class Posts and Telegraphs Division

2419. SHRI D. P. JADEJA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to include Jamnagar District in Second Class Posts and Telegraphs Division ; and

(b) whether the Kutch Region in Gujarat Circle has been upgraded ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) The proposal has been examined but it

is found that a separate Postal Division for Jamnagar District is not justified according to the prescribed standards at present.

(b) It is presumed that the reference is to the Kutch Postal Division which is now a Class-II charges. The upgradation of the Division to Class I is not at present justified.

Small Industries in Darjeeling

2420. SHRI SAROJ MUKHERJEE :
SHRI RATTANLAL BRAHMAN :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Bombay and the Cottage and Small Scale Industries Directorate, West Bengal propose to start small industries in Darjeeling District (West Bengal) jointly ;

(b) if so, the main features thereof ; and

(c) the time by which these proposals are to be implemented ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) to (c). The information has been called for and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Training of Wireless Operators

2421. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the arrangements existing in the country for the training of Wireless Operators, Maritime and Aeronautical services ;