

to States to maintain law and order;

(b) if so, when this will be implemented; and

(c) what is the present expenditure incurred by the Centre, State-wise in the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) and (b). States are already liable to pay the cost of such deployment.

(c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Recording of Messages Received in India from Other Planets

3400. SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA: Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, of late some messages have been recorded in some countries like USSR and USA, received from other planets;

(b) whether such messages have been received in India also, and if so, whether they have been deciphered;

(c) whether India has taken initiative to send Indian Scientists to the countries which have made considerable progress in space research for training to improve its own know-how; and

(d) if so, the number of such scientists and the countries to which they have been sent?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF TOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) We have no information on the subject.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone Connections in Ahmedabad

3401. SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Central Government have taken to solve the hardship and shortage of Telephone equipment, cables and to meet the needs of the people of Ahmedabad in Gujarat; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to clear the pending list of the O.Y.T. cases for telephones in Ahmedabad to date?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJ

BAHADUR): (a) Shortage of telephone equipment and cables etc. affects the provision of telephone connection not only in Ahmedabad but in other places too where the growth of telephone demand is high. The Government has taken and proposes to take the following steps to improve the position:—

(i) A new factory for the manufacture of underground cables has been set up at Hyderabad.

(ii) A new factory of the manufacture of telephone switching equipment is being set up during the 5th Plan at Rai Bareli in U.P.

(iii) A new unit for the assembly of telephone instruments has been set up at Naini.

(iv) The production capacity of the existing factory of ITI in Bangalore is being augmented both in respect of telephone switching equipment and telephone instruments.

(b) During the 5th Five Year Plan it is proposed to add an additional 43,200 lines to the equipped capacity of the Ahmedabad Telephone System.