

(c) Against the approved outlay of Rs. 143.32 crores for the State Annual Plan 1974-75, the anticipated expenditure as reported by Gujarat amounts to Rs. 140.98 crores.

#### Power shortage in Gujarat

5069. SHRI P. M. MEHTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether once again acute power shortage has hit the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, to what extent Gujarat has been facing power shortage;

(c) whether due to this power shortage many industrial units have been closed and most of them are on the verge of closure; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

#### Pathak Committee Report

5070. SHRI SHIV KUMAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the main points of recommendations made in the report of the Pathak Committee; and

(b) the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA): (a) and (b). A statement giving the conclusions and recommendations of the Pathak Committee and also the decisions taken on 20 out of 37 recommendations, was laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha on 28th November 1973. Out of the

remaining 17 recommendations, 8 have since been accepted and 9 are still under consideration of the Government. A statement indicating the position in respect of 37 recommendations is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT.9343/75].

#### Manufacture of Cross Bar System equipment

5071. SHRI SHIV KUMAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether even after 10 years of signing contract for the manufacture of B. T. M. Common Control Cross Bar System equipment, full capacity has not been reached?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA): The contract for manufacture of B.T.M. Common Control Crossbar System equipment was signed in 1964. The production capacity of 1,00,000 lines per annum envisaged in the collaboration agreement has almost been achieved and the production was 98,500 lines in 1973-74.

#### Cross Bar Common Control System

5072. SHRI SHIV KUMAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cross Bar Common Control System manufactured at I.T.I. Bangalore is cost intensive; and

(b) the cost per line?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA): (a) and (b). The Cross Bar Common Control System manufactured by the Indian Telephone Industries Ltd., is generally costlier than the conventional step-by-step stronger system, as the Crossbar system is to provide many additional facilities including easier introduction of nation-wide subscribers trunk dialing service.