

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) If not the reasons for each suggestion for being not accepted in the policy; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Registry of the Supreme Court for providing accommodation to all the registered advocates without chambers in the new building meant for them or elsewhere in the precinct of the Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. M. THAMBI DURAI) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected from the Registry of the Supreme Court and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal for Super Thermal Power Project at MTPS

674. SHRI SUNIL KHAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the 3rd unit of Malthan Thermal Power station will be synchronized shortly;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up Super Thermal Power Project at M.T.P.S.;

(c) If so, the likely time by which the work on this would start; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) to (d) Malthon thermal power station with an installed capacity of 1000 MW is still at the initial planning stage. The work on the project can only commence after DVC receives techno-economic clearance from CEA and other statutory clearances and the financing and other technical arrangements are finalised.

Electronic Telephone Exchanges in A.P.

675. SHRI K.S. RAO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of electronic telephone exchanges functioning in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to convert some of the existing manual telephone exchanges into electronic ones in various cities in Andhra Pradesh in the current year;

(c) If so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(d) the estimated expenditure involved in conversion of these exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA) : (a) There are 1996 Nos. of electronic telephone exchanges working in Andhra Pradesh as on

31.3.98. District-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement.

(b) There are no manual Telephone Exchanges in AP as on 31.3.98.

(c) and (d) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Statement

District-wise Electronic Exchanges as on 31.3.98 in A.P.

S.No.	Name of the District	No of Electronic Exchanges
1.	Adilabad	61
2.	Ananthapur	127
3.	Chittoor	130
4.	Cuddapah	86
5.	East Godavari	106
6.	Guntur	114
7.	Hyderabad	48
7A.	Rangareddy	69
8.	Karimnagar	79
9.	Khammam	80
10.	Krishna	120
11.	Kurnool	125
12.	Mahaboodnagar	97
13.	Medak	86
14.	Nalgonda	83
15.	Nellore	92
16.	Nizamabad	57
17.	Prakasham	78
18.	Srikakulam	51
19.	Visakhapatnam	65
20.	Vizianagaram	50
21.	Warangal	55
22.	West Godavari	137
Total		1996

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New Thermal Power Station in Bihar

676. SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to install new thermal power stations or increase the capacity of the