

and Cooperation, the information received so far reveals that many of the recommendations of the Committee are by and large included in their various on-going and new programmes.

#### **Telephone Lines to Surat Telephone Exchanges**

563. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone lines proposed to be given to the telephone exchanges of Surat city during the Eighth Five year Plan;

(b) the number of lines proposed to be provided during the year 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(c) the arrangements made for the replacement of levels 2 and 3; and

(d) the outcome of the steps taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) About 1,00,000 lines are likely to be added to the Surat Telephone network during the Eighth Five Year Plan period.

(b) Lines proposed to be added are:

1990-91	1,000 lines
1991-92	22,000 lines

(c) and (d). The exchanges of level 2 and Level 3 are proposed to be replaced in 1993-94 and 1994-95 respectively.

1. Land already acquired for two exchanges. Buildings are likely to be completed during 8th Five Year Plan period.

2. Action for land acquisition for more exchanges has also been initiated.

3. Equipment has since been allotted.

#### **Assistance to Earth Quake Victims of Iran**

564. PROF. YADUNATH PANDEY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided any assistance to the people killed and injured in the recent devastating earth quake in Iran; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b). Government have provided humanitarian assistance worth Rs. 1 crore to Iran in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake which struck the northern Iranian provinces of Gilan and Zanjan on June 21, 1990. The emergency relief supplies consisted of essential drugs and medicines, blankets, bedsheets, hurricane lamps, towels, soap cakes, milk powder and candles. These supplies were airlifted to Iran on 26th, 28th and 30th June, 1990.

#### **Telephone Connection to the Top Twenty Industrial Houses**

565. SHRI HARISH PAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections provided to the top twenty industrial houses of the country;

(b) whether Government have prescribed some norms in this regard;