

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;

(c) whether a survey in this regard has been conducted by Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (d). No separate record of telephone connections provided to industrial houses of the country is maintained. Telephone connections to applicants including industrial houses are provided on maturing of their turn in the common waiting list.

[English]

Safety of UNICEF Officers

566. SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any communication from United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund regarding safety of their officers in India following the physical assault and molestation of an UNICEF officer in Bantala, West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken or contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of Indigenous Digital Telephone

567. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of indigenous digital electronic telephone exchanges set up in Delhi during the last three years till 30 June, 1990;

(b) whether keeping in view the growing demand of telephones in Delhi, Government propose to instal more such telephone exchanges during the coming years;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any allocation of funds for setting up such exchanges in Delhi has been made; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Election of S.G.P.C.

568. SHRIMATIBIMAL KAUR KHALSA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when the general elections to Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee were held last;

(b) since when the new elections are due;

(c) the reasons for not holding the elections so far; and

(d) when the election to the General House are proposed to be held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Last general elections to the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee were held on 31.3.1979.