

**SHRI VINODBHAI B. SHETH :** Such accidents occur due to the negligence, faulty planning and inefficient working of the officers. In that case, would you like, once again, to think over for denationalising the coalfields ?

**SHRI BIJU PATNAIK :** No, Sir.

**SHRI VAYALAR RAVI :** This was one of the catastrophes and tragedies that happened in the Chasnala mine and there was a big uproar in Parliament itself. The Government has appointed a commission and spent a lot of money. The Coalfields Authority has also appointed lawyer officers. May I know from the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that you have not taken action against any of these officers who are responsible for this incident; and if so, what is the reason ?

**SHRI BIJU PATNAIK :** Although it does not arise out of this question, I have answered this question. The Labour Minister has written to the leader of the opposition and the leader of the other groups to advise on this matter. We have not received any answer from them. Please ask them to give us answers.

**SHRI VAYALAR RAVI :** My complaint is that some vested interest has developed in that office.

**SHRI BIJU PATNAIK :** If the hon. Member thinks that I have developed vested interest with some of the officers, then I cannot think as well of him as I used to think.

**SHRI HARIKESH BAHADUR :** When this Chasnala Mine disaster took place, at that time, Dr. S. S. Saluga, Institute of Technology, Banaras University, had fabricated a water lift pump and he has already demonstrated that pump over there. But that pump was not used by the officers of that particular department, where this accident had taken place. Dr. Saluga was telling, if that pump was used, many lives would have been saved. But, actually, that pump was not used.

**MR. SPEAKER :** We hope that such accidents will not happen hereafter.

**SHRI HARIKESH BAHADUR :** I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether such types of indigenous devices which have been fabricated by our Indian Scientists will be utilized in future in order to save human lives. (*Interruptions*) They had asked for a Russian pump. If they had fabricated that pump and if they had used that pump, it was hoped, at least, 200 persons would have been saved.

**SHRI BIJU PATNAIK :** When I took over the portfolio, I had myself called and discussed the entire matter with him. One of these days when he is ready, I am going to see the pump under demonstration which he has promised to show. I have not yet heard from him.

### **Interlinking of Telephone Exchange**

\*342. **SHRI GEORGE MATHEW :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether STD telephone services will be extended to all exchanges where there are more than 250 telephone connections; and

(b) whether all telephone exchanges within a radial distance of 10 miles from the principal exchange will be interlinked ?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BRIJLAL VERMA) :**

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Interlinking will be done gradually as and when adequate material and financial resources become available.

**SHRI GEORGE MATHEW :** The hon. Minister has replied 'No' to part (a) of my question. I want to know whether there are any guide lines fixed for the establishment of STD telephone services in the country.

**SHRI BRIJLAL VERMA :** Yes; there are some guidelines. When there are more than hundred calls on a line in a day then it becomes justified to have STD.

**SHRI GEORGE MATHEW :** Regarding linking of the small exchanges to the principal exchange, the hon. Minister has said that it will be done as and when materials become available. Is there any time limit fixed for completing this job ? Will the Department takes its own time—as much time as they want or need—or has Government fixed any time limit for completing this job—linking of exchanges within a radius of ten miles ?

**SHRI BRIJLAL VERMA :** As regards 10 mile radius, we have fixed some norms. First of all, we have to connect by STD all the capitals in the country. After this, we are going to the Divisional level; all divisional headquarters will be connected by STD. Then we go to the district level. These norms have been fixed and we are going according to these norms.

**श्री लालजी भाई :** मैं आपकी मार्फत मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि भारत के विभिन्न राज्यों के कितने ऐसे जिले हैं जिनको दिल्ली से सीधे डायल घुमाकर टेलीफोन किया जा सकता है? ऐसे कितने जिले हैं और उनके नाम क्या हैं?

**श्री बृजलाल वर्मा :** एस टी डी की बात तो दूर रही, अभी बहुत से जिले हैं जहाँ पर टेलीफोन का केन्द्र भी नहीं है। अभी सैकड़ों ऐसे किले हैं जहाँ पर एस टी डी लानू नहीं हुआ है।

**श्री सोमजीभाई डामोर :** मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ बड़े एक्सचेंज के साथ जो छोटे एक्सचेंज है उनको इंटीरियर से कब तक ज्वाइन किया जायेगा? क्या सरकार ने कोई प्लान बनाया है कि पांच साल में इतने शहरों को कनेक्ट कर दिया जायेगा?

**श्री बृजलाल वर्मा :** यह निर्धारित किया गया है कि जितने जिले और डिवीजनल हेडक्वार्टर्स हैं उनको लगभग दस साल में एस टी डी से जोड़ देंगे।

**श्री भानू कुमार शास्त्री :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, माननीय मंत्री जी ने एस० टी० डी० सर्विस के लिए जो नामर्ज बतलाये हैं, उन के अनुसार राजस्थान प्रदेश के अन्तर्गत उदयपुर एक डिवीजनल-प्लेस हैं और इन नामर्ज के आधार पर 1000 से ज्यादा काल्ज प्रतिदिन अहमदाबाद, दिल्ली और जयपुर के लिए होते हैं। क्या माननीय मंत्री जी वहाँ एस० टी० डी० सर्विस चालू कराने की कृपा करेंगे? यदि हां, तो कब तक करा सकेंगे?

**श्री बृजलाल वर्मा :** इस के बारे में विचार करेंगे। अब तक हमन 126 शहरों में एस० टी० डी० सुविधायें दी हैं,

जिन से 62 परसेन्ट टेलीफोन-कम्प्यूमर्स कवर हो जाते हैं। इस के लिए भी मैं देखूंगा कि हो सकता है या नहीं।

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Funds for Improvement of Calcutta Telephones

\*326. SHRI SAMAR GUHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether Government have made any allocation of funds for improvement of the functioning of the Calcutta Telephones?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BRIJLAL VERMA): Yes, Sir.

##### आयुर्वेदिक चिकित्सा पद्धति का विकास

\* 327. श्री राघवजी :: क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार द्वारा भारत में प्रचलित विभिन्न चिकित्सा पद्धतियों के विकास पर वार्षिक कितना धन व्यय किया जाता है ;

(ख) सरकार ने आयुर्वेदिक चिकित्सा पद्धति के विकास, अनुसंधान, प्रशिक्षण और विस्तार को बढ़ावा देने के लिए क्या योजना बनाई है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार भारत में एक आयुर्वेदिक विश्वविद्यालय की स्थापना की सम्भावना पर विचार करेगी ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री राज नारायण) : (क) और (ख) एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है।