

people and State Governments concerned at the time of transfer of these areas before the expiry of five years i.e., by January, 1975?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) to (c). According to the decision of the Central Government announced on the 29th January, 1970, the transfer of these areas to Haryana is to be effected simultaneously with the transfers to be decided upon on the recommendations of the Commission to be appointed to go into the other claims and counter-claims for readjustment of the existing inter-State boundaries of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh. The various matters relating to the said announcement in regard *inter-alia* to Fazilka-Abohar areas, are under consideration in consultation with the State Governments.

#### J & K Postal Circle

1780 PROF NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of postal and engineering divisions, the telephone connections, the Post Offices, P.C Os' and C Os at the time of the creation of the J&K Postal Circle;

(b) the number in each of these categories in Himachal Pradesh;

(c) whether the demand for the creation of a separate Postal Circle is under the consideration of Government and is justified on the basis of work load; and

(d) if so, the likely date by which a decision would be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a)

(a) The information is given below:-

(1) Postal Divisions . . .	2
(2) Engineering Divisions . . .	2
(3) Telephone Connections . . .	3376
(4) Post Offices . . .	887
(5) P.C. Os. . . . .	35
(6) C.Os. . . . .	76

(b) At present there are.—

(1) Postal Division . . .	5
(2) Engineering Divisions . . .	2
(3) Telephone Connections . . .	4145
4. Post offices . . . . .	1774
(5) P.C.Os. . . . .	224
(6) C.Os . . . . .	183

(c) and (d) There has been a demand for a separate P&T Circle for Himachal Pradesh. The proposal was considered and due to prevailing financial stringency it has been deferred for the present.

#### Infrastructure for Backward Areas

1781 PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recommended the creation of infrastructure like the Railway lines, for the industrial development of any hilly or backward areas in the country to the Ministries/Departments concerned,

(b) if so, the brief outlines thereof; and

(c) if not, whether his Ministry would recommend the infrastructure for Himachal Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI): (a) and (b). A working Group has been set up in the Ministry of Industrial Development for