

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Area of the Country

966. SHRI L.K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of the country as on 1 January, 1935, 1 August, 1947, 1 September, 1947, 1 December, 1962 and 1 January, 1990; and

(b) the reasons for variations, if any, in the total area?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL):—

- (a) (i) 48,81,339. 3 Sq. kms.
- (ii) Figures not compiled.
- (iii) 32,63,395 Sq. kms.
- (iv) 32,68,090 Sq. kms.
- (v) 32,87,263 Sq. kms. (Provisional)

(b) The area in 1934-35 included the area of undivided India. As a result of the partition of India, the area of India diminished. There is an increase in the area of the India at the end of the year 1962 as compared to area on 1.9.1947 due to inclusion of the area of the French and Portuguese possessions which became part of the Union of India. The latest provisional figure reflects more precise assessment resulting from improved techniques of survey and inclusion of certain gulfs and bays as inland waters.

S.T.D. Facility In Gujarat

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

(a) the number of towns in Gujarat connected with STD facility till 31 March, 1990;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to introduce STD in some more towns in the State; and

(c) if so, the time by which this facility is likely to be provided in Kadodura, Olpad and Sayur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) 56 towns in Gujarat have been provided with STD facility till 31st March, 1990;

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) S.T.D. facility at Olpad, Kadodura and Sayan is proposed to be provided progressively during the 8th Plan period.

[Translation]

National Research Centre for Temperate Fish In Champavat (Uttar Pradesh)

*970. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of National Research Centre for temperate climate fish at Champavat in Uttar Pradesh is progressing as per schedule;

(b) if not, the reasons for slow progress;

(c) the amount allocated for the construction of this project during 1990-91; and

(d) the time by which this project is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.