

thorised to open mail under the Indian Post Office Act 1898.

(d) Does not arise, as the experimental decentralisation has been kept in abeyance.

(e) Action under the Act has not caused tampering with mails.

#### **Core Group on Punjab**

2512. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:  
SHRI M.V. CHAN-  
DRASHEKARA MUR-  
THY:  
SHRI V. SREENIVASA  
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any core group has been set up in connection with Punjab problem;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the particulars of its members; and

(c) the rights and jurisdiction of this group?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### **Linking of Bageshwar with Almora Nainital, Brelilly and haldwani by STD**

2513. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to connect Bageshwar city in Almora district in Uttar Pradesh with Almora, Nainital, Bareilly and Halwani through S.T.D. service;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) By March, 1993.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Talks with Organisations demanding Separate States**

2514. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are having talks with those organisations which are demanding separate States:

(b) if so, the names of such organisations and since when these talks are continuing; and

(c) whether Government propose to hold talks with those organisations also which are demanding division of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b). At the request of the Chief Minister of Assam, Government of India agreed to participate in tripartite talks with Assam Government and All Bodo Students' Union. The talks are continuing since 28.8.1989.

(c) There is no such proposal.

#### **Opening of S.D.O. (Telephone's) Office at Ranikhet**

2515. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: