

[English]

### Persons arrested in Punjab

2566. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAV-  
INCHANDRA MEHTA: Will the Minister of  
HOME AFFAIRES be pleased to state the  
number of persons arrested in Punjab for  
terrorists activities during the year 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI  
SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) According to  
information available, 2466 persons were  
arrested for terrorist activities in 1989.

### Expansion of Thane Telephone Ex- change

2567. PROF. RAM GANESH KAPSE:  
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be  
pleased to state:

(a) the present capacity of Thane ex-  
change and the number of applicants from  
this area waiting for telephone connection as  
on 15 July, 1990; and

(b) the time by which Government  
propose to replace the old exchange by  
modern exchange and expand its capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI  
JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The present  
capacity of Thane telephone Exchange is:

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Thane-I:	5300 lines
Thane-II:	8600 lines

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The number of applicants on waiting list  
as on 15.7.90 was 14,427.

(b) The following are the  
plans for replacement:

— 1700 lines: part replacement  
of Thane-I during March, 1991.

— 3600 lines: balance replacement of  
Thane-I during March, 1992.

The following are the new modern ex-  
changes planned in Thane:

-Thane Cherai (Electronic) 7000 lines  
during 1990-91.

— Mumbra (Electronic) 1000 lines  
during 1990-91.

— Thane Cherai (Expansion) 3000  
lines during 1991-92.

— Wagle Estate (Electronic) 4000  
lines during 1991-92.

### Aerial Spraying of Pesticides

2568. SHRIMATI SUBHASHINI ALI:  
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any control on  
aerial application of pesticides in India as in  
U.K. and if so, the pesticides permitted for  
such spraying; and

(b) the steps taken to spray only those  
pesticides which are safe?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND  
COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF  
AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):  
(a) and (b). Aerial spraying operation are  
regulated in our country under the Insecti-  
cides Rules, 1971. These regulations stipu-  
late various parameters of safety to human