

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir. I.T.I. Trainees in Delhi have been provided D.T.C. concessional pass facility for their full term under DTC (Free and Concessional Passes) Regulations, 1985.

(b) and (c). Do not arise in view of (a) above.

[English]

Criteria for Shifting of Telephones in Frozen Areas

4794. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for sanctioning/shifting of the telephones in the Frozen Area telephone exchanges in Delhi;

(b) whether any priority is given to some special categories like Doctors, high Government officials, etc. in such frozen areas;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the reasons for not shifting the telephones of Doctors in the Lakshmi Nagar (East Delhi) telephone exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cattle Smuggling on Indo-Bangladesh Border

4795. SHRI JANARDHANAPOOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "How Lucrative is cattle smuggling" appeared in the 'Statesman' dated 6 June, 1990;

(b) whether Government have made any investigation to find out the estimated number of cattle smuggled to Bangladesh every year; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to check this depletion of cattle wealth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of the news item.

(b) The information regarding Cattle seized is given in the statement given below.

(c) Strict surveillance on the border is being maintained and intelligence set up has been augmented to prevent/check cattle smuggling on the Indo-Bangladesh border. Border outposts and observation post towers have been set up. BSF have been provided with sophisticated equipment like binoculars and Night Vision Devices patrol vehicles including boats and communication devices.

STATEMENT

The number of cattle seized by BSF while being smuggled to Bangladesh during the last 3 years /state-wise along the Indo-Bangladesh border is as under:

Sl. No.	State through which they were smuggled	1988	1989	1990 (upto July) 1990
1	2	3	4	5
1.	S. Bengal	5951	12853	6140
	N. Bengal	805	1724	2715
2.	Assam	459	965	625
3.	Meghalaya	84	30	6
4.	Tripura	578	335	332
	Total:	7877	15907	9818