

considerations regarding prevailing law and order situation to ensure public peace and safety.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

#### **Loss due to Strike by Telecom Engineers**

4900. SHRI MULLAPPLLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the loss caused to the revenue of the Telecom Department due to the strike by telecom Engineers in May this year;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure smooth functioning of the department during the period of strike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir. The bills for the services rendered during May '90 have been issued in July, and figures for the same will be available in September/October 90; only then can estimations of loss etc. be made.

(b) In view of (a) above no details are available for the present.

(c) All possible steps were taken to ensure smooth functioning of the Telecom. Services during the period of strike (work according to Rule by Telecom. Engineers) in May 90.

#### **Indians in Gulf Countries and Their Return**

4901. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

SHRI SUKHENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the number of Indians in each of the Gulf countries;

(b) if so, the number thereof in each country;

(c) whether there has been exodus of Indians from the Gulf countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) and (b). The number of Indians in the Gulf countries is assessed as follows:

|                      |   |        |
|----------------------|---|--------|
| Baharain             | : | 80000  |
| Kuwait               | : | 172000 |
| Qman                 | : | 190000 |
| Qatar                | : | 45000  |
| Saudi Arabia         | : | 425000 |
| United Arab Emirates | : | 275000 |
| Yemen                | : | 6000   |

(c) and (d). From August 2 till September 2 1990. 13,357 Indians were repatriated by air to India from the Gulf countries.

#### **Earnings from Telephone, Telex Exchanges and Telegraph Offices**

4902. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone, telex exchanges and Telegraph offices, State-wise, as on 1 January, 1990;

(b) the revenue earnings from these