

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) A proposals is under consideration to set up a joint venture between ITI & WBEIDC at Calcutta for the manufacture of Electronic Switching Systems. A draft MOU has been prepared. The equipment proposed to be manufactured and its technology have been identified.

(b) Government approval for the joint venture company is being sought.

#### Cellular Telephones

3718 SHRI HANAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a pilot project to have cellular telephones in Bombay was approved by Government some time ago,

(b) whether the project has been implemented;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the Government's present policy regarding cellular telephones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above

(c) and (d). usefulness of Cellular Mobile Telephone may not be in doubt but its adoption will need critical examination.

#### New Telephone Directory of Bangalore Telephones

3719. SHRI JOSS FERNANDEZ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) when the new directory of Bangalore Telephones was released;

(b) whether there has been delay in the distribution of the new directory; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The latest Telephone Directory for Bangalore has been released in February, 1990

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise

#### Customer Service Centres in Bangalore

3720 SHRI JOSS FERNANDEZ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Telephone Customer Service Centres in Bangalore city and their location,

(b) whether these Centres are working on Sundays; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to open these Centres for at least half a day on Sundays to help the subscribers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Seven Customer Service Centres at following locations are working in Bangalore city:

1. Mahavir Complex Kempagowda Road, Bangalore-560009
2. No. 1 - A, Platform Road, Swathi Complex, Bangalore. 10.
3. No. 9/1 Vikram Complex, 80 Feet

Road, Opp. Navrang Park Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore-560010.

4. 46-E, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore-560027.
5. 219, Behind BDA Complex, Indra Nagar, IIInd stage, Bangalore 560038.
6. 80/7 Ashoka plaza, 1st floor, Kamraj Road, Bangalore-1.
7. Elephant Rock Road, IIIrd Block, Jai Nagar, Bangalore-11.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no proposal to work these Centres on Sundays due to many practical problems and limitations.

[*Translation*]

**Relaxation in norms for opening of Branch and Sub Post Offices in hill Areas**

3721. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new policy has been formulated for the expansion of communication facilities during the Eighth Five year Plan;

(b) if so, whether the present norms are proposed to be relaxed for opening branch and sub post offices in hill areas under this policy; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) It is proposed to formulate new norms for opening of post

offices during the Eighth Plan based on an evaluation, already undertaken, of the programme implemented during the Seventh Plan.

(b) and (c). In the norms followed during Seventh Plan, certain concession were provided for hill areas. During the Eighth Plan also, hill areas are expected to be treated on a special basis. Details thereof will, however, be known only when the evaluation is completed and revised norms are formulated.

**Terrorist Activities**

3722. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that several terrorist groups active in different parts of the country are making efforts to establish mutual contact and to conspire collectively;

(b) if so, whether investigations have been made with regard to the foreign assistance being given to all these groups; and

(c) if so, the details of steps being taken to deal with this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c). According to information available there appears to be some mutual contact among some terrorists groups active in different parts of the country. A close nexus exists among the various insurgent groups of North East like the Naga undergrounds belonging to the National Socialist Council of Nagaland, Meitei and UNLF of Manipur and ULFA of Assam. In Jammu & Kashmir over 70 different terrorists groups are known to be active. There are no reports of direct contact between these terrorists with other terrorists in other parts of