

Ahmedabad-Vadodara has been sanctioned and is under construction.

Flood Affected Villages in Hoshiarpur District of Punjab

90. SHRI SARJU PRASAD SAROJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 9280 and on 17 May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether no refund has been made to the villagers who had hired bulldozers from the Government of Punjab at the rate of Rs. 270 per hour for removing sand from their fields;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for immediate refund of payment to the farmers?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) to (c). Information of being collected and will

be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Modernisation of Telephone Exchanges in Kerala

91. PROF. P. J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of telephone exchanges modernised in Kerala during the last year:

(b) the percentage of manual exchanges in the State;

(c) whether there is any time-bound plan to modernise these exchanges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) The telephone exchanges modernised during last year in Kerala are as follows:

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Exchange Name</i>	<i>Type of Electronic Exchange installed</i>
1.	Shornur	700 Line NEAX
2.	Ottappalam	600 Line NEAX
3.	Feroke	2048 Port ILT
4.	Kondotty	512 Port IDT
5.	Androth	512 Port ILT
6.	Ambalapuzha	512 Port ILT
7.	Nedungandom	512 Port ILT
8.	Kallambalam	512 Port ILT
9.	Chelakkara	512 Port ILT

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Exchange Name</i>	<i>Type of Electronic Exchange installed</i>
10.	Irikkur	512 Port ILT
11.	Pariyaram	200 PAM ESAX

(b) NIL

(c) and (d). Not applicable.

STATEMENT

Details of tourist arrivals in Bodhgaya, Vaishali, Mathura, Ayodhya and Varanasi during the last three years are as under :

Centre	Tourist Arrivals						
	(1987)		(1988)		(1989)		
	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Bodhgaya	345412	60323	514342	16957	458232	8628	
Vaishali	Not Available	305	2479	405	1105	714	
Mathura	24982	53	42534	446	48212	642	
Ayodhya	6168	99	7991	107	4340	130	
Varanasi	87950	29140	100800	30480	75339	23422	

The tourist arrival figures for the current year 1990 till date are as under :

<i>Centre</i>	<i>Tourist</i>		<i>Arrivals</i>	
	<i>Domestic</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Foreign</i>	<i>Not Available</i>
Bodhgaya				
Vaishali	496		107	(Upto March)
Mathura	34665		388	(Upto August)
Ayodhya	2725		113	(Upto August)
Varanasi	49777		31000	(Upto August)

Note : The figures for May 1990 are estimated.