

**Waiting List for Telephone Connections
in Hassan City**

2654. SHRI H.C. SRIKANTIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications of telephone connections pending in Hassan;

(b) the number of new lines to be added during this year; and

(c) the time by which the waiting list will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) No. of applications for telephone connections pending is 342.

(b) The number of new lines likely to be added during 1990-91 is 900.

(c) Waiting list will be cleared during 1990-91.

**Reservation of Seats for Women in
Local Bodies**

2655. KUMARI UMABHARATI:
SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAV-
INCHANDRA MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SUMITRA MA-
HAJAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation of seats for women in local bodies at the village, block and district levels is being considered by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the percentage

of reservation for women would be determined at different level of the local bodies?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) to (c). The matter is under consideration of the Government.

**Pakistan's Plan to Manufacture Fighter
Planes**

2656. SHRID.M. PUTTE GOWDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Pak plan to manufacture fighter planes" appearing in the "Hindustan Times" dated 2 March, 1990;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the precautionary steps Government propose to take to meet the challenge?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security and take necessary measures to safeguard it.

**Purchase of French Mirage Fighter Jets
by Pakistan**

2657. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report in the "Hindustan Times" dated 13 February, 1990 stating that Pakistan proposes to purchase 40 Mirage-2000 fighter jets and 155 MM guns from France; and