

entered Tamil Nadu in large numbers; and [Translation]

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to tackle the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b). There is no information of infiltration of large number of armed gangs from Sri Lanka in Tamil Nadu. However, on the intervening night of February 18/19, 1990, 15 armed persons claiming to be Sri Lankan Tamil militants, forced their way through a check post in Ramnathpuram district and when challenged opened fire killing one police constable and a civilian and injuring 15 others including 11 police personnel. In this connection three cases have been registered and are being investigated by the State Police. One person was also arrested. All appropriate measures have also been taken to deal with the situation arising out of influx of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees.

Communal Riots

2746. SHRI GULAB CHAND
KATARIA:
SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of communal riots which took place in the country during the last three months, State-wise and month-wise; and

(b) the estimated loss of life and property therein?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b). On the basis of available information, the particulars of communal riots which occurred in the country during the last three months are as under:—

<i>Place and date of occurrence</i>	<i>No. of persons killed</i>	<i>Estimated loss of property</i>
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BIHAR:

Dhaka (East Champaran) (27th Feb.)	2	—
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Simari, Bakhtiarpur Saharsa (27th Feb.)	1	—
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GUJARAT:

Ahmedabad (27th Feb.)	3	—
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Surat (Feb. 27)	1	—
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RAJASTHAN:

Ladnun, District Nagaur (16th Dec. 89)	4	Rs. 2.50 lakhs
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Pending Applications for Telephone Connections in Rajasthan

2747. SHRIGULABCHAND KATARIA:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for telephone connections pending exchange-wise in Rajasthan and since when;

(b) the reasons for the delay in releasing telephone connections;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to clear the backlog; and

(d) the action plan for 1990 in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKISHNAN): (a) The statement is given below. The dates

since when the applications in some of the major exchanges are pending are also given in the statement below.

(b) The main reason is shortage of switching equipment.

(c) Plan proposals have been drawn to provide telephones.

i) on demand in exchanges of capacity less than 5000 lines and

ii) to contain waiting list to one year period for exchanges of capacity more than 5000 lines.

This is subject to approval of plans and timely availability of equipments.

(d) Action Plan has been made to augment the telephone exchanges gross switching capacity by 30,000 lines during 1990-91.

STATEMENT**DISTRICT: AJMER**

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of Exchange</i>	<i>Waiting List Total</i>
1	2	3
1.	Ajmer	2374
2.	Arain	2