

**Delay in Issuing Visa by Indian Mission  
Abroad**

2759. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:  
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be  
pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian Missions abroad  
which issue visa on the day of receiving the  
applications and those Missions which take  
24 hours or more on an average in issuing  
visa; and

(b) the reasons for this delay and steps  
taken to remove the same?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AF-  
FAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b)  
Information is being collected and will be laid  
on the Table of the House.

**Scheme to Appointment Experts in  
Different Fields in Indian Embassies**

2760. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:  
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme to appoint  
experts in the fields of education, culture,  
commerce and trade in Indian Embassies  
abroad in under consideration of Govern-  
ment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any criteria have been laid  
down for making such appointments; and

(d) if so, whether Government have or  
contemplate to prepare a list of such experts  
to facilitate selection thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AF-  
FAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

[English]

**Construction of Multipurpose Central  
Cargo Berth and Extension of Southern  
Cargo Berth at Paradip Port**

2761. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:  
Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the schemes for construc-  
tion of the multi-purpose general cargo berth  
and extension of the southern cargo berth at  
Paradip Port have been implemented;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken for  
implementation of those projects?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANS-  
PORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICA-  
TIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) to  
(c). The detailed project reports of both the  
schemes have been received and are under  
examination in the Ministry.

**Ongoing National Highway Projects in  
Orissa**

2762. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:  
Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT  
be pleased to state:

(a) the various ongoing National High-  
way projects in Orissa;

(b) the estimated and approved cost of  
those projects;

(c) the amount spent on those project so  
far;

(d) whether the amount required further  
for completion of those projects is proposed  
to be included in the 8th Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN):** (a) and (b). 128 works are presently ongoing in Orissa for the development of National Highways with a sanctioned cost of Rs. 42.94 crores.

(c) The amount spent on these works till March '89 is Rs. 18.79 crores and an amount of Rs. 12.0 crores has been allocated during the year 1989-90.

(d) and (e). Yes, Sir. A sum of Rs. 5.50 crores has been provided in 1990-91 for the ongoing works.

[*Translation*]

**Setting up of Earth Satellite Station in Hill Areas**

2763. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up earth Satellite stations for the expansion and Development of communication facilities in various hill areas of the country under the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the number of such earth satellite stations and the names of the places where they are likely to be set up in hill areas of Uttar Pradesh under this plan period?

**THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Satellite earth stations at Joshimata, Uttarkashi and Srinagar (Garhwal) have already been put in service during 7th Plan. *How-ever presently there are no plans to set up additional earth stations in hill areas of U.P. in eighth Plan.*

**Setting up of R&D Centre in Hilly Areas of U.P. for Off- Seasonal Vegetables**

2764. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Research and Development Centre for cultivation of off-seasonal vegetables in hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

**THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVILLAL):** (a) No, Sir. G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Regional Station at Ranichori is already engaged in research work on vegetables for hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Question does not arise.

[*English*]

**Enquiry into Communications Riots**

2765. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CH- OUDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of communal riots in the country since Ninth Lok Sabha election;

(b) whether Government have constituted any enquiry committee to inquire into the causes of the riots and identity of the instigators;

(c) if so, its findings;

(d) whether any non-Government agency had also conducted an enquiry into any of these riots since the last elections;

(e) if so, the main features of the report submitted by such agency; and