

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Telephone Service in South Arcot District, Tamil Nadu

2786. SHRIP.R.S. VENKATESAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether numerous complaints have been received regarding unsatisfactory telephone service in South Arcot district of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K P UNNIKRISHNAN) (a) Yes, Sir. A few complaints were received regarding unsatisfactory telephone service in South Arcot District of Tamil Nadu.

(b) Remedial actions being taken to improve the situation are:—

- (i) Replacement of manual and life expired auto exchanges during 8th Plan
- (ii) Replacement of worn out external plant, telephone instruments and other equipment

Relaxation of Tourist Visits to N.E. Region

2787. SHRIMATI CHENNUPATI VIDYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have

received any representations from State Governments of N.E. region with regard to relaxation of the restrictions on tourist visits;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (c). Some proposals were received from certain State Governments of the N.E. Region in this regard. After careful consideration, some more areas have been opened for foreign tourists in Assam and Meghalaya. These are: Sibsagar and Jatinga Bird Sanctuary in Assam and Barapani and Cherapunji in Meghalaya. The duration of visit to the places of tourist interest in Assam, Meghalaya and Manipur has also been increased. Various authorities like Indian Missions and Posts abroad, State Government officials etc. have also been authorised to issue permits to the bonafide foreign tourists liberally.

[*Translation*]

Inclusion of New Areas Under Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP)

2788. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan Government has submitted any representation to Union Government to include 20 drought prone sub-divisions of Bharatpur, Sawai Madhopur, Tonk, Ajmer, Kota and Jhalawad in Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP):

(b) whether Union Government propose to include these sub-divisions under DPAP; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) to (c). The Rajasthan Government have submitted a Memorandum to the National Committee on Drought Prone Areas programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) for inclusion on 20 blocks of Bharatpur, Sawai Madhopur, Tonk, Ajmer, Kota and Jhalawar districts in DPAP. A decision whether to include these areas or not under this programme will be taken after the report of the Committee is submitted to the Government.

Allocation of Funds to States Under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana

2789. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to each State so far under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana and the grounds on which this amount has been given;

(b) the number of persons benefited in Rajasthan so far under this Yojana; and

(c) The details of expenditure incurred on the creation of permanent assets?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) The Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) funds to the States/UTs. in 1989-90 were allocated in the proportion of rural poor in a State/UT to the total rural poor in the country. As the application of this formula resulted in lesser allocation to smaller States/UTs. than the Central grant given under the erstwhile programmes of NREP/RLEGP operated during the year 1988-89, interest of such States was safeguarded by making additional adhoc allocations. The statement given below gives the State-wise allocation of resources under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY).

(b) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) is a wage-employment programme and is monitored in terms of employment generated in mandays. Rajasthan Government has reported that 346.50 lakh mandays of employment were generated under the JRY in the period from April, 1989 to end of February, 1990.

(c) In the guidelines issued for the JRY, the expenditures under the JRY are required to be incurred on creation of permanent and productive assets only. In the period from April, 1989 to February, 1990, an expenditure of Rs. 8379.63 lakhs is reported to have incurred under the Yojana in Rajasthan.

STATEMENT

Resource allocation under JRY —(1989-90)

(Rs. in lakhs)

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>State/UT</i>	<i>Resource allocation (including value of foodgrains and the State share)</i>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	19319.51
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	307.15
3.	Assam	5278.90