

(b) The details of waiting list as on 31.12.1993 of four metropolitan cities are given below:

1. Calcutta	69,181
2. Madras	1,03,475
3. Delhi	3,43,869
4. Bombay	1,88,121

(c) and (d) As per 8th Plan objective, the waiting period, for telephone connection is to be reduced to less than two years in large telephone system, by the end of 8th plan period (92-97). The expansion of Exchanges in the four Metropolitan cities are being planned accordingly. The target for providing telephone connections during 1993-94 to the four metro cities are given below:

Calcutta	34200
Madras	33200
Delhi	76600
Bombay	42800

Regional Power Grids

*70. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have any scheme for interconnecting various regional power grids through high voltage direct current;

(b) if so, the outstanding features thereof and the merits of the scheme; and

(c) the time by which the scheme is expected to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE): (a) In pursuance of the policy of the Government to set up National Powergrid for optimum utilisation of available resources, Northern and Western Region already stand inter-connected through Vindhyachal High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) back-to-back project. Another HVDC back-to-back link at Chandrapur (Maharashtra) connecting Western and Southern Region has been sanctioned by the Government. Other such schemes under consideration of the Government include 1x500 MW Jeypore-Gazuwaka HVDC back-to-back link connecting Eastern and Southern Region and 1x500 MW Mau HVDC back-to-back inter-regional link to connect Eastern and Northern Regions.

(b) The outstanding features of HVDC back-to-back inter-connections are the exchange of power between the regions having different voltage and frequency levels leading to optimum utilisation of available resources and more security/stability of the power systems including assistance during emergency conditions.

(c) The HVDC projects have a gestation period of about 4 years from the date of award of contract for main equipments.

[Translation]

Passport Offices

*71. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey on rationalization of work load and geographical distribution of passport offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the follow-up steps taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A *Statement* is attached.

(c) The survey concluded that pending an overall review of the structure of passport issuing system, rationalization could be effected by a more balanced distribution of posts according to the work load, and this has been done. Government have also focussed on increasing output and eliminating delays by strengthening the existing passport offices. This has been done by augmenting staff strength, improving working conditions, supply of adequate passport booklets and modern office equipment, streamlining of procedures and the introduction of a productivity linked incentive scheme.

STATEMENT

In its report the Standing Committee of the Parliament on External Affairs has observed that staff strength and geographical distribution of Passport Offices should be determined so as to Rationalize the workload. With a view to make an assessment for this purpose, a district-wise survey of demand for passports over the country was required to be undertaken. This survey has since been completed in respect of 16 Passport Offices. Such a survey in respect of five of relatively smaller offices and Passport Office, Delhi is not called for.

2. *Annexure-A* gives the following information in respect of 16 Passport Offices for which district-wise survey of demand has been completed:

- (a) Number of applications received for fresh passports during the year 1992;
- (b) Five districts with highest input of applications for fresh passports in 1992 in each of 16 Passport Offices; and
- (c) District-wise figures of input of applications for fresh passports in 1992 and January-April, 1993 in respect of 16 Passport Offices.

3. Presently, there are 22 Passport Offices in India which received 24.72 lakh applications for issue of fresh passports during the year 1992. On the basis of input of applications, Passport Offices could be divided into three categories:

- (a) Heavy Passport Offices with annual input of over 1 lakh applications. The following Passport Offices fall in this category (input of applications in 1992 given against each office)

Bombay	259374
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Kozhikode	235223
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Hyderabad	212635
Trichy	181215
Cochin	179871
Tirvandrum	157316

(b) Medium-sized Passport Offices with input of applications numbering around 1 lakh:

1. Delhi	143812
2. Madras	141194
3. Ahmedabad	133283
4. Lucknow	130861
5. Jalandhar	112179
6. Jaipur	109886
7. Bangalore	104871
8. Chandigarh	100565
9. Bareilly	75484
10. Calcutta	60319
11. Patna	51614

(c) Pocket Passport Office with annual input of less than 50,000 applications during 1992:

1. Bhopal	27713
2. Panaji	20137
3. Nagpur	13893
4. Bhubaneswar	12800
5. Gauhati	8176

General: Location of a Passport Office is determined by several factors such as area of the State, distance from a Passport Office, demand for passports, users' convenience and public service etc. While input of applications from an area is one of the important considerations, it cannot be the sole criterion based on which location of a Passport Office is decided. This is illustrated by the location of a Passport Office at Guwahati which received only 8,175 applications for issue of fresh passports in 1992. However, considering that this Passport Office centres to passport applicants from the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh and since this is the only Passport Office in the North-East region, its location is fully justified notwithstanding the small number of passport applicants served by this office. Kerala has the largest number of passport applicants; 5,72,410 applications for issue of fresh passports were received from Kerala during 1992. It has 3 Passport Offices at Kozhikode, Cochin and Trivandrum. The State of Maharashtra has the second largest number of passport applicants there were 2,73,207 applications for fresh passports from the State during the same period.

The Staff Inspection Unit of the Ministry of Finance after a recent study of some of the Passport Offices has recommended that there should not be a separate Passport Office if annual intake of applications is less than 50,000. Based on this criterion, it has recommended that the existing Passport Offices of Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Nagpur, Guwahati and Punnji should not exist as independent offices and instead a Division Office, similar to the one at Shimla, should be set up at these stations.

Conclusions:

The data indicate that most of the existing Passport Offices are located in cities with the highest input of applications. While an objective levelling of the field based on averages might not serve the public interest entirely as it could result in some States having no offices at all. Hence, instead of re-distribution of offices, what is done is a distribution of personnel according to the workload within the frame work of the State as a unit, for ease of coordination between the Passport Offices and local and State authorities. For example, Passport Office, Nagpur could conceivably start servicing some neighbouring districts in Andhra Pradesh in order to even out Hyderabad's load. Since certain reports are however required from State and local authorities, the offices dealing with a number of agencies in two States could have an effect on efficiency. The regional approach based on workload is therefore adopted where the number of applications is truly low. The entire structure of the system however needs review and this is being done.

The Ministry of External Affairs is presently focussing on eliminating delays by strengthening the existing offices. This is sought to be achieved by augmenting their staff strength, improving the working conditions, supply of adequate passport booklets and modern office equipment, computerisation of Passport Offices and streamlining of procedures. The output of fresh passports showed an increase of 40 per cent in 1992 over the year 1991. Figures for 1993 also indicate a further increase in output. It has been the Ministry's experience that mere opening of new offices does not improve services until the necessary infrastructure and personnel are provided. Bifurcating existing offices in fact centres more problems since the existing offices themselves are not fully equipped to

handle their current demand for services. The effort at present therefore is to ensure that the backlog of pending applications is cleared and delays faced by the public in setting passport services are reduced to the minimum. Staff training, simplification of procedures and development of public awareness are three major areas which will require attention thereafter together with measures to reduce passport fraud.

Annexure-A

Passport Office-Ahmedabad

(A) No. of applications received in 1992 for fresh passports 133293

(B) Five districts with highest input of applications during 1992

Ahmedabad	20502
Surat	15168
Kheda	15070
Valsad	12839
Baroda	11719

(C) District-wise distribution of passport applications received during the year 1992 and January-April 1993.

Name of District	No. of applications received during 1992	No. of applications received from Jan. - April 1993
Rajkot	5707	2366
Baroda	11719	4951
Surat	15168	4749
Ahmedabad	20502	6352
Jamnagar	6476	1886
Junagadh	4453	991
Amreli	1438	204
Porbandar	4176	1146
Bhavnagar	2509	451

Name of District	No. of applications received during 1992	No. of applications received from Jan. - April 1993
Kutch	9197	2503
Sabarkantha	2048	443
Banaskantha	1972	414
Mehsana	5442	1463
Patna	2073	526
Kheda	15070	3149
Gandhinagar	1262	2623
Surendranagar	679	196
Panchmahal	2293	737
Bharuch	7365	2184
Valsad	12839	3960
Dang	142	32
Div	493	144

Passport Office-Bareilly

(A) No. of applications received in 1992 for fresh passports	75484
(B) Five districts with highest input of applications during 1992	
Moradabad	11062
Bijnor	10751
Muzaffarnagar	8054
Meerut	7167
Saharanpur	5679

Remarks: It is significant that applications received for fresh passports from district Bareilly during the year 1992 numbered only 3013.

(C) District-wise distribution of passport applications received during the year 1992 and January-April, 1993.

Name of District	No. of applications received during 1992	No. of applications received during January-April 1993
Almoda	142	39
Agra	2100	756
Aligarh	2593	803
Badaun	852	197
Bijnor	10751	3481
Bareilly	3013	900
Bulandshahr	3921	1374
Chamoli	20	7
Dehradun	1809	507
Etah	622	192
Firozabad	1130	355
Ghaziabad	4135	1297
Haridwar	1065	390
Mainpuri	108	60
Mathyra	1538	551
Muzaffarnagar	8054	2401
Moradabad	11062	3095
Meerut	7167	2401
Nainital	2000	699
Pauri Garhwal	135	40
Pithoragarh	55	13
Pilibhir + Pilbhit	956	267
Shahjahanpur	1078	393
Saharanopur (Saharanpur)	5679	2055
Rampur	5394	1701

Name of District	No. of applications received during 1992	No. of applications received during January-April 1993
Tehri Garhwal	66	19
Uttar Kashi	55	7

Passport Office-Bombay

- (A) No. of applications received in 1992 for fresh passports 259374
- (B) Five districts with highest input of applications during 1992
- | | |
|--------|--------|
| Bombay | 189951 |
| Thane | 32403 |
| Pune | 17250 |
| Nasik | 3681 |
| Raigad | 3651 |
- (C) District-wise distribution of passport applications received during the year 1992 and January-April 1993.

Name of District	No. of applications received during 1992	No. of applications received from January-April 1993
Ahmednagar	1094	284
Aurangabad	1653	258
Beed	416	86
Bombay	189951	—
Dhule	567	124
Jalgaon	694	136
Kolhapur	1176	395
Nashik	3681	697

Name of District	No. of applications received during 1992	No. of applications received from Jan. - April 1993
Pune	17250	4766
Raigad	3651	1117
Ratangiri	3102	1009
Sangli	1047	294
Satara	915	247
Sindhudurg	288	65
Solapur	1486	348
Thane	32403	9318

Passport Office-Bangalore

- (A) No. of applications received in 1992 for fresh passports 104871
- (B) Five districts with highest input of applications during 1992
- | | |
|-----------|-------|
| Bangalore | 42658 |
| Mangalore | 21763 |
| | 3429 |
| Mysore | 3323 |
| Tunkur | 2671 |
- (C) District-wise distribution of passport applications received during the year 1992 and January-April 1993.

Name of District	No. of applications received during 1992	No. of applications received from January-April 1993
Bangalore	42658	
Bidar	1163	
Bellary	1626	

Name of District	No. of applications received during 1992	No. of applications received from January-April 1993
Belgaum	1633	
Bijapur	1368	
Chitradurga	1443	
Chiknagalar	1398	
Dharwad	1832	
Gulgarga	3429	
Hassan	1057	
Karwar	2062	
Kolar	2381	
Mangalore	21763	
Mandya	684	
Mercara	1628	
Mysore	3323	
Raichur	641	
Shimoga	2197	
Tunkur	2671	

Passport Office-Calcutta

(A) No. of applications received in 1992 for fresh passports	60319
(B) Five districts with highest input of applications during 1992	
Calcutta	26200
24 Parganas (North)	12355
24 Parganas (South)	9092
Nadia	3580
Howrah	2892

- (C) District-wise distribution of passport applications received during the year 1992 and January-April 1993

Name of District	No. of applications received during 1992	No. of applications received from January-April 1993.
Calcutta	26200	7022
24 PGS (S)	9092	2558
24 PGS (N)	12335	3459
Howrah	2892	1646
Birbhum	336	110
Nadia	3850	1740
Hooghly	1872	884
Midnapore	1988	455
Murshidabad	2272	557
Purula	35	18
Bankura	54	35
Sikkim	82	32
Jalpaiguri	60	36
Darjeeling	352	197
Malda	90	40
W/Dinajpur	53	35
Burdwan	1052	571
Tripura	72	34
Cooch Bihar	22	27

Passport Office-Cochin

- (A) No. of applications received in 1992 for fresh passports. 179871
- (B) Five districts with highest input of applications during 1992.

Jurisdiction of Passport Office, Cochin extends to six districts in all. For details of input of applications please see under (C) below.

- (C) District-wise distribution of passport applications received during the year 1992 and January-April 1993.

Name of District	No. of applications received during 1992	No. of applications received from January-April 1993
Emakulam	48949	16330
Trichur	60110	16558
Alleppey	38689	11150
Kottayam	24310	6219
Idukki	7673	1945
Lakshadweep	140	28

Passport Office-Hyderabad

		Name of district	No. of Applications
(A)	No. of applications received in 1992 for fresh passports	212635	
		Karimnagar	450
		Medak	55
		Warangal	55
(B)	Five districts with highest input of applications during 1992	Hyderabad	1375
		Nalgonda	85
	Hyderabad	66000	Khammam
		10	Mahaboobnagar
	Cuddappah	25200	100
		10	Kurnool
	Nizamabad	21600	35
		35	Srikakulam
	Karimnagar	21600	05
		05	Vizianagaram
	Chittoor	8880	70
		70	Visakhapatnam
		80	East Godavari
		120	West Godavari
		45	Krishna
		70	Guntur
(C)	Average weekly input of applications for fresh passports:	10	Prakasam
		30	Anantapur
		525	Cuddappah
		150	Nellore
		185	Chittoor
	Name of district	No. of Applications	
	Ranga Reddy	140	
	Adilabad	15	
	Nizammabad	450	

Passport Office-Jalandhar

(A) No. of applications received in 1992 for fresh passports. 112179

(B) Five districts with highest input of applications during 1992.

Jurisdiction extends to 5 districts only. Please see figures below under (C)

(C) District-wise distribution of passport applications received during the year 1992 and January-April 1993.

Name of District	Receipt of applications during 1992	Receipt of applications from January-April 1993
Jalandhar	49544	13711
Kapurthala	15756	3969
Hoshiarpur	16908	4653
Amritsar	13108	4695
Gurdaspur	8593	2148

Passport Office-Kozhikode

(A) No. of applications received in 1992 for fresh passports 235223

(B) Five districts with highest input of applications during 1992

Malappuram	115654
Kozhikode	46543
Kannur	31987
Palakkad	31548
Kasaragod	9609

- (C) District-wise distribution of passport applications received during the year 1992 and January-April 1993.

Name of District	No. of applications received during 1992	No. of applications received from January-April 1993
Malappuram	115654	11105
Kozhikode	46543	6787
Kannur	31987	5470
Palakkad	31548	4710
Kasaragod	9609	1920
Wayanad	4643	860
Mahe	501	80

Passport Office-Lucknow

- (A) No. of applications received in 1992 for fresh passports 130861
- (B) Five districts with highest input of applications during 1992
- | | |
|-----------|-------|
| Azamgarh | 18211 |
| Lucknow | 14300 |
| Gorakhpur | 11235 |
| Deoria | 10550 |
| Allahabad | 8470 |
- (C) District-wise distribution of passport applications received during the year 1992 and January-April 1993.

Name of District	No. of applications received during 1992	No. of applications received from January-April 1993
Allahabad	8470	1780
Azamgarh	18211	3100

Name of District	No. of applications received during 1992	No. of applications received from January-April 1993
Barabanki	4727	2020
Ballia	1510	1700
Basti	2610	1220
Banda	401	90
Bahraich	1873	NIL
Deoria	10550	5020
Etawah	316	180
Faizabad	2705	1700
Fatehpur	2050	990
Farrukhabad	579	160
Gorakhpur	11235	2060
Gonda	3435	2300
Ghazipur	1757	600
Hamirpur	522	170
Hardoi	1017	200
Jaunpur	4880	2400
Jalaun	82	100
Jhansi	370	80
Kanpur	6985	2030
Lucknow	14300	4100
Lalitpur	320	10
Lakhimpur Khiri	719	800
Mau	5300	1250
Mirzapur	779	150
Maharajganj	3863	2060
Pratapgarh	1350	1050
Rai Bareilly	1690	1200

Name of Districts	No. of applications received during 1992	No. of applications received from Jan. - April 93
Sitapur	2130	1130
Sultanpur	2013	1326
Sidharth Nagar	1360	1100
Sonbhadra	332	450
Unnao	2450	2000
Varanasi	4570	850

Passport Office-Madras

- (A) No. of applications received in 1992 for fresh passports 141194
- (B) Five districts with highest input of applications during 1992
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|-------------|-------|
| Madras | 50793 |
| South Arcot | 26711 |
| Chingleput | 23433 |
| North Arcot | 11048 |
| Coimbatore | 7614 |
- (C) District-wise distribution of passport applications received during the year 1992 and January-April 1993.

Name of District	Applications received during 1992	Applications received from January-April 1993
Madras	50793	20160
North Arcot	11048	2633
Salem	5891	2131
Chingleput	23433	9609
South Arcot	26711	9002

Name of District	Applications received during 1992	Applications received from January-April 1993
Coimbatore	7614	3639
Nilgiris	2698	844
Dharmapuri	1916	799
Periyar	1432	817
Pondicherry	4164	1735
Karaikal	1232	476

Passport Office-Trivandrum

- (A) No. of applications received in 1992 for fresh passports 157316
- (B) Five districts with highest input of applications during 1992
- It has only 3 districts under its jurisdiction. Please see figures under (C)
- (C) District-wise distribution of passport applications received during the year 1992 and January-April 1993.

Name of District	No. of applications received during 1992	No. of applications received from January-April 1993
Trivandrum	76754	21659
Quilon	56390	15912
Pathanamthitta	23496	6631

Passport Office-Trichy

- (A) No. of applications received in 1992 for fresh passports 180690
- (B) Five districts with highest input of applications during 1992
- Tiruchirapalli 34102
- Nagaiquaide Milleth 26546

79	Written Answers	FEBRUARY 28, 1994	Written Answers	80
	Tanjur West		24847	
	Kanyakumari		22325	
	Ramnathapuram		16899	

(C) District-wise distribution of passport applications received during the year 1992 and January-April 1993.

Name of district	No. of applications received during 1992	No. of applications received from January-April 1993
Tanjur West	24847	9139
Nagaiquaide Milleth	26546	8879
Ramanathapuram	16899	5643
Pon Muthuramalingam	12900	5868
Kamarajar	4152	1763
Tiruchirappalli	34102	11161
Madurai (CITY)	5588	2184
Madurai Rural	4139	2088
Anna (Dindigal District)	2837	935
Tirunelveli	10615	3956
V.O. Chithampananar	4510	2266
Pudukottai	11230	5139
Kanniyakumari	22325	7031

Passport Office-Patna

(A) No. of applications received in 1992 for fresh passports 52524

(B) Five districts with highest input of applications during 1992

Gopalgung 11862

Siwan 11704

81	Written Answers	PHALGUNA 9, 1915 (SAKA)	Written Answers	82
	Patna		3097	
	Darbhanga		3088	
	Jamshedpur		2676	

(C) District-wise distribution of passport applications received during the year 1992 and January-March 1993.

	Name of Districts	Applications received during 1992	Applications received from 1-1-93 to 31-3-93
1.	Siwan	11704	3342
2.	Gopalgung	11862	3308
3.	Jamshedpur	2676	106<
4.	Patna	3097	1106
5.	Darbhanga	3088	1042
6.	Ranchi	2578	560
7.	W. Singhbhum	2138	192
8.	Madhubani	2548	204
9.	E. Singhbhum	1605	66
10.	Dhanbad	2018	62
11.	Saran	1157	42
12.	Bhojpur	1068	46
13.	Buxar	178	26
14.	Araria	166	12
15.	Banka	142	9
16.	Deoghar	132	9
17.	Jamui	130	11
18.	Samastipur	102	18
19.	Supoul	45	8
20.	Gumla	63	6
21.	Garhwa	42	7

	Name of Districts	Applications received during 1992	Applications received from 1-1-93 to 31-3-93
22.	Rohtas	68	6
23.	Katihar	166	9
24.	Gonda	48	7
25.	Palamu	106	13
26.	Dumka	62	9
27.	Kishangung	140	27
28.	Purnea	136	17
29.	E. Champaran	542	68
30.	W. Champaran	531	42
31.	Muzaffarpur	548	56
32.	Vaishali	521	48
33.	Sitamabhi	478	38
34.	Nalanda	433	32
35.	Gaya	280	27
36.	Bokaro	288	29
37.	Jehanabad	210	22
38.	Saharsa	188	18
39.	Bhagalpur	244	23
40.	Munger	192	17
41.	Begusarai	142	14
42.	Giridih	142	14
43.	Lohardaga	60	8
44.	Chatra	20	3
45.	Madhepura	20	7
46.	Sahebgung	72	11
47.	Nawada	560	105
48.	Bhabua	78	13
49.	Aurangabad	482	104

Passport Office-Jaipur

(A) No. of applications received in 1992 for fresh passports 109886

(B) Five districts with highest input of applications during 1992

Jaipur	16955
Sikar	16889
Jhunjhunu	12593
Churu	10912
Nagaur	9373

(C) District-wise distribution of passport applications received during the year 1992:

Name of Districts	Applications received during 1992
1. Jaipur	16955
2. Sikar	16889
3. Jhunjhunu	12593
4. Churu	10912
5. Nagaur	9373
6. Ajmer	5780
7. Dungarpur	5538
8. Udaipur	5351
9. Jodhpur	4582
10. Banswara	4037
11. Sri Ganganagar	3450
12. Kota	1956
13. Alwar	1429
14. Tonk	1220
15. Barmer	1209

Name of Districts	Applications received during 1992
16. Swaimadhopur	1165
17. Bikaner	1140
18. Chittorgarh	934
19. Bhilwara	846
20. Pali	703
21. Jhalawar	560
22. Rajsamand	549
23. Bharatpur	538
24. Jaisalmer	505
25. Dausa	462
26. Sirohi	429
27. Bundi	330
28. Dholpur	198
29. Baban	165
30. Jalore	88

Passport Office-Chandigarh

(A) No. of applications for fresh passports received in 1992 101092

(B) Five districts with highest input of applications during 1992

Ludhiana	21904
Faridkot	10057
Chandigarh	8194
Firozpur	7099
Patiala	6124

(C) District-wise distribution of applications received during the year 1992 and January-June, 1993.

Name of District	No. of applications received during 1992	No. of applications received from January-June, 93
PUNJAB		
1. Ludhiana	21904	9356
2. Faridkot	10057	3793
3. Ferozepur	7099	3042
4. Patiala	6124	2865
5. Ropar	5675	2497
6. Sangrur	4511	2140
7. Fatehgarh Sahib	3486	1196
8. Mansa	2717	1183
9. Bhatinda	3004	1392
HARYANA		
1. Faridabad	3667	1640
2. Kurukshetra	2706	1133
3. Gurgaon	2663	1055
4. Ambala	2507	955
5. Yamunanagar	1868	736
6. Sirsa	1551	644
7. Hissar	1389	513
8. Rohtak	1266	475
9. Panipat	1178	466
10. Karnal	1144	454
11. Jind	987	386
12. Kaithal	749	308
13. Sonapat	598	219
14. Bhiwani	467	168
15. Rewari	403	148

	Name of District	No. of applications received during 1992	No. of applications received from January-June, 93
16.	Mohindergarh	412	161
CHANDIGARH			
1.	Chandigarh	8194	3951
HIMACHAL PRADESH			
1.	Una	1639	740
2.	Kangra	1361	609
3.	Mandi	699	312
4.	Solan	336	150
5.	Hamirpur	197	95
6.	Sirmour	109	47
7.	Shimla	221	103
8.	Bilaspur	80	30
9.	Chamba	59	32
10.	Nahan	65	29

[English]

Collaboration of Financial Times with Anand Bazar Group

*72. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Financial Times of London has entered into collaboration with the Anand Bazar Group of Papers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a joint venture company has been incorporated in India by these two newspapers;

(d) if so, whether this company has sought the permission of the Government to start their publications soon; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) A proposal for setting up of a joint venture company 'The Financial Times of India Private Limited' between Anand Bazar Patrika Limited and the Financial Times Limited of U.K. has been