

**Accommodation to PT&T Employees**

6390. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have not provided accommodation to all the employees of Department of Posts and Communication;

(b) the strength of employees of both the Departments separately, State-wise;

(c) the number of employees who have been provided accommodation so far, District-wise, category-wise;

(d) the details of the construction of accommodation during 1996-97, State-wise;

(e) whether the Officers responsible for the Housing construction are not taking interest;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA):

*Department of Post*

(a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

*Department of Telecom*

(a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

**IA Service Between Ranchi to Delhi**

6391. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have introduced Indian airlines service daily between Ranchi to Delhi and Ranchi to Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) Indian Airlines, at present, is operating a daily service on Delhi-Patna-Ranchi and return route and thrice a week service on Mumbai-Patna-Ranchi-Calcutta and return route. Due to aircraft capacity constraints and inadequate traffic demand, Indian Airlines has no plans to increase services between Ranchi and Mumbai at present.

**SPO/STD Facility in Hilly Regions**

6392. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA': Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any

scheme to open new sub post office and to provide STD facility therein in hilly regions of Uttar Pradesh during 1997-98;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the action being taken by the Government on the pending applications?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Post Offices are opened under Annual Plans subject to norm based justification and availability of resources. In hilly regions, relaxed norms relating to income and population are applied while examining the justification of opening of post offices. STD facility is provided on demand/requisition.

(b) During the Annual Plan, 1997-98, it is proposed to open 70 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices and 6 Departmental Sub Post Offices in the State of Uttar Pradesh which includes the Post Offices to be opened in Hilly Regions.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

**Construction of Overbridge at Gaushala Crossing in Ghaziabad**

6393. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had sanctioned an overbridge at Gaushala level crossing in Ghaziabad;

(b) if so, the reason for delay in starting the construction work uptill now; and

(c) the time by which the construction work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir. Instead a Road Under Bridge has been approved in Budget of 1997-98.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Detailed Estimate and Plans are finalised and work will be taken up after necessary formalities have been completed by State Govt.

**Production in Bokaro Steel Plant**

6394. SHRI SIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production capacity of Bokaro Steel Plant has been affected due to the wrong policies of the management during the 1995-96 and 1996-97; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to keep the production capacity of the plant at par with its total capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) No, Sir.