

rent control laws; rationalisation of terminal tax rates; resource mobilisation through commercial and remunerative projects; regular work-study of staffing pattern, etc. MCD has taken action to implement most of the major recommendations. Regarding delinking of rateable values from rent control laws, the Delhi Administration is seized of the matter.

[Translation]

New Telephone Connections

*155. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applicants to whom 'O.B.' number have been issued by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited during the last one year;

(b) whether all of them have been provided with telephone connections;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the time by which they are likely to be provided with telephone connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT):

(a) The number of applicants to whom the OB numbers have been issued from 1-7-90 to 30-6-91 is as follows:—

Delhi — 66,600

Bombay — 49,614

(b) No, Sir.

(c) While most of the applicants to whom the OBs have been issued have been provided with the telephone connections, in some areas telephone connections could not be provided due to non-availability of cable

pairs. In a few cases telephone connections could not be provided due to incomplete address, change of address, subscriber's premises not being ready, etc.

(d) In all the above cases telephone connections will be provided progressively before 31-12-1991.

[English]

Opening of Departmental Telegraph Office at Bhadrak (Orissa)

*157. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been demand for opening a Departmental Telegraph Office at Bhadrak Head Post Office in district Balasore of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not opening the said Office there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The current traffic does not justify the upgradation of the existing telegraph office into a Departmental Telegraph Office, at Bhadrak Head Post Office.

Increase in Prices of DMS Ghee and Butter

*158. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of ghee and butter marketed by Delhi Milk Scheme have been increased;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?