

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): The accommodation to CRPF is being provided by the Government of J&K.

In regard to hiring of private accommodation, the Government of J&K has set up a rent assessment Committee comprising of the following:

- (i) Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar.
- (ii) SSP, Srinagar.
- (iii) S.E., P.W.D., Srinagar.
- (iv) Executive Engineer, PWD, Srinagar.

Government of J&K has informed that the rent assessment will depend in case of hotels on the basis of their category of registratoin with the Tourism Department; and in other cases on the type of accommodation, the year of construction and relevant rules which govern assessment of rent as per PWD norms of 1983.

Status of Darjeeling

3853. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Greater Nepal; Ghising's New Card" appearing in the Telegraph dated July 14, 1991; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Government do not have confirmed information regarding the reported move for creation of 'Greater Nepal'. Nevertheless the Government do not recognise such demands coming from whatever source.

Construction of tubewells in Uttar Pradesh

3854. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tubewells set up in Uttar Pradesh especially in Azamgarh

and Mau districts with the assistance for the World Bank;

(b) the number of tubewells out of those which are functioning and the number of such tubewells which are out of order;

(c) the time by which those out of order tubewells are likely to become operational; and

(d) the number of tubewells proposed to be set up in Uttar Pradesh during 1991-92 with World Bank assistance?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) There are 80 tubewells in Azamgarh and 64 tubewells in Mau districts of Uttar Pradesh constructed with the assistance of World Bank.

(b) and (c) At present there are no tubewells lying out of order permanently. Due to mechanical or electrical or hydraulic problems a few tubewells were out of order temporarily which were repaired immediately and put into use.

(d) Recently Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted a proposal for construction and Modernisation of 3000 tubewells in phase III for World Bank assistance.

[English]

Telephone exchange at Osmanabad, Maharashtra

3855. SHRI ARVIND TULSHIRAM KAMBLE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to instal a new electronic telephone exchange at Osmanabad, Maharashtra, if so, when it is likely to be installed;

(b) the total capacity of the present exchange and number of persons on the waiting list for new connections; and

(c) whether the Government also propose to expand the capacity of the present exchange in order to clear the waiting list?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir, a new Electronic telephone exchange is planned to be installed at Osmanabad by March '93.

- (b) Status as on 31.3.1991;
Capacity— 500 lines
Waiting list—336

(c) Yes Sir, by 300 lines.

Management of Agra Canal

3856. SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to hand over the management of that part of Agra Canal to Haryana which provides irrigation facility to the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Transfer of management of that part of Agra Canal System to Haryana which provides irrigation facilities to Haryana has been under discussion between the Government of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. With a view to resolve this issue meetings were convened by the then Union Minister for Agriculture & Irrigation in January, 1975 and April, 1981 and Inter-State meeting was also convened by the Union Secretary, Water Resources in October, 1987. The Chief Ministers of the two States also met in May, 1989 which was followed by meeting of the Secretaries of the two States in June, 1989. No consensus on the issue has been arrived at between the two States so far.

[Translation]

Scheme to ensure larger share to vegetable growers

3857. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are formulating any scheme to ensure a large share to the vegetable growers out of the price paid by the consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) is implementing a Pilot Project to provide a direct link between vegetable

growers and consumers by marketing their produce directly to the consumers at reasonable price through 166 retail outlets in Delhi. NDDB at the instance of the Government is conducting a pre-feasibility for preparation of an Integrated Project to modernise and strengthen the procurement, transport, storage, processing and marketing of fresh and processed horticulture products linking important production areas with six major urban centres namely Ahmedabad, Calcutta, Cochin, Hyderabad, Lucknow and Madras. Besides, National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) is implementing a post-harvest Management Scheme for helping the vegetable growers to get a larger share of the consumer price. Under the scheme, NCDC provides hundred per cent assistance way of loan to the fruit and vegetable growers cooperatives and subsidy is provided by National Horticulture Board.

Setting up of automatic telephone exchanges

3858. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of automatic telephone exchanges proposed to be set up by the Government in the country during 1991-92; and

(b) the details thereof and the amount allocated therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 4550 Nos. of automatic Telephone exchanges are planned to be set up during 1991-92.

(b) The details of exchanges are as follows:—

(i) The number of large automatic exchanges — 110 Nos.

(ii) Number of small & medium sized exchanges / exchange units—4440. The budget amount estimated for establishing these exchanges alongwith the associated external plant and other infra-structure in 1991-92 is Rs. 2385 crores.