

(c) The raw materials imported by HINDALCO are;

1. Anthracite Coal
2. Coal Tar Pitch
3. Cathods Blocks
4. Alloying Metals viz. Magnesium, Silicon, Titanium Boron Rod.
5. Silicon Bricks for Lining.

Expansion, Modernisation and provision of S.T.D. Facility in Kerala

4976. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to expand, modernise and provide S.T.D. facility in the various telephone exchanges in Kottayam District of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All the 57 exchanges in Kottayam district are proposed to be expanded during the 8th plan period (1990-91 to 1994-95).

14 exchanges in Kottayam district are having STD facility and 13 more are likely to be provided with STD facility during 1991-92. The remaining exchanges are proposed to be provided with STD facility progressively during the 8th plan period.

In Kottayam district, 9 exchanges are electronic and the remaining are planned to be converted into electronic exchanges during 8th plan.

Bomb Blasts in Jammu and Kashmir

4977. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bomb blasts that took place in Jammu & Kashmir during the last one year; and

(b) the number of such cases solved?

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) and (b). In the year 1990 and upto 30th June 1991, 1833 explosions took place in J&K. These explosions were caused by the terrorists. Government has taken stern action against the terrorists and during this period, 553 terrorists were killed on the border and 293 elsewhere in the State. Of the persons arrested during this period, 1610 continue to be under detention.

Haj Pilgrims

4978. SHRI N. K. BALIYAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Haj Pilgrims during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the foreign exchange spent on these pilgrims, year-wise; and

(c) the details of pilgrims' share and the contribution made by the Government towards this expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The number of Haj pilgrims who have gone under arrangements made by Haj Committee, Bombay, year-wise is as follows:

1989-24695

1990-24227

1991-23318

In addition to the above over 10,000 a year go on their own; their precise number is not available.

(b) 1989 Rs. 43,27,83,786

1990 Rs. 50,68,02,155

1991 Rs. 54,46,79,278

(Provisional)

(c) The Government provides only the exchange facility.

*[Translation]***Telephone Connections to Journalists**

4979. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide telephone connections to journalists on priority basis or through some special quota;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). At present accredited journalists can register themselves under Non-OYT-Special Category which is a priority allotment category.

(c) Does not arise.

Excavation of Mica in Gazipur

4980. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether mica was discovered during excavation operation between 1978 and 1980 near Gazipur district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government for further exploration and excavation of the said mineral there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Since there is no indication of presence of mica in the area on the basis of electrical resistivity study and other geophysical survey conducted, there is no plan for any exploration work.

*[English]***Telecom Centres with S.T.D. and Telex Facilities**

4981. SHRISYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Telecom Centers with S.T.D. and Telex facilities in the country, circle-wise as on April 1, 1991;

(b) the number of such centres proposed to be opened, circle-wise during 1991-92; and

(c) the location of such centres proposed to be opened in Bihar?