

[*Translation*]

**Review of Sardar Sarovar Project**

582. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has constituted any expert committee to review the construction of the Sardar Sarovar Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the review work is likely to be completed; and

(c) whether the Union Government was consulted by the World Bank in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir. An independent review of the implementation of the Sardar Sarovar Project has been initiated by the World Bank.

(b) and (c) The independent review is expected to focus on the environmental, rehabilitation and resettlement measures under implementation. The terms of reference for the independent review have not yet been received from the World Bank.

[*English*]

**Elections to MCD and Metropolitan Council**

583. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to fix a maximum period upto which the M.C.D. and Metropolitan Council of Delhi can be kept under supersession as recommended by the National Commission of Urbanisation in its report;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reasons for not holding the elections to these bodies simultaneously with the elections to the Lok Sabha held recently?

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) to (c) The National Commission on Urbanisation has made a number of recommendations on various aspects of Urbanisation. One of the recommendations of the Commission is that the period of supersession in respect of local bodies should not exceed six months, subject to one extension for a similar period. The Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957 and the Delhi Administration Act, 1966 under which the Delhi Municipal Corporation and the Metropolitan Council of Delhi have been constituted do not provide for any maximum period of supersession and dissolution respectively. There is no proposal at present to amend these Acts in this regard.

**US Equation of India with Pakistan on Nuclear Issue**

584. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US House of Representatives has equated India with Pakistan by voting recently to stop US aid and military equipment sales to India if it fails to halt development of nuclear weapons; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) An amendment to this effect was passed by the US House of Representatives.

(b) Government have taken note of this development and have conveyed India's concern over this issue to the US Government. Our stand on the nuclear issue has been reiterated and it has been conveyed that attempts to equate India with Pakistan in this manner are misplaced. Such attempts

indicate a tendency to gloss over the main issue which is Pakistan's single-minded pursuit of a clandestine nuclear weapons programme by wilful violation of US laws.

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**Telephone Exchanges in Mandsaur and Ratlam Districts of Madhya Pradesh**

585. DR. LAXMI NARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have been urged to increase the capacity of various telephone exchanges in Mandsaur and Ratlam district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether some telephone exchanges are proposed to be converted into electronic exchanges;

(c) if so, the telephone exchanges whose capacity is proposed to be in-

creased and the exchanges which are proposed to be converted into electronic exchanges; and

(d) the time by which these works are likely to be completed?

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

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is proposed to expand 6 (six) telephone exchanges and to convert 9 telephone exchanges into Electronic in Ratlam District. The details are at Statement I.

It is proposed to expand 9 exchanges and to convert 11 exchanges into Electronic in Mandsaur District. The details are at Statement II.

(d) The works at (c) above are planned to be completed during 1991-92.

**STATEMENT I**

*Ratlam District*

(a) *Exchanges planned to be expanded*

| <i>Sl.No.</i> | <i>Station</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Expansion capacity</i> |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 1.            | Ratlam         | X-Bar       | 1000 lines                |
| 2.            | Bamnia         | Electronic  | 88 "                      |
| 3.            | Karamdi        | "           | 88 "                      |
| 4.            | Rampur         | "           | 88 "                      |
| 5.            | Dodhar         | "           | 88 "                      |
| 6.            | Shivgarh       | "           | 32 "                      |

(b) *Exchanges planned to be converted to Electronic*

| <i>Sl.No.</i> | <i>Stations</i> | <i>Present type</i> | <i>Conversion to</i> |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1.            | Alote           | Manual 200 lines    | Electronic 264 lines |
| 2.            | Sailana         | Manual 200 lines    | Electronic 264 lines |
| 3.            | TAL             | MAX-III 90 lines*   | Electronic 88 lines  |
| 4.            | Bhabhara        | MAX-III 90 lines    | "                    |
| 5.            | Jobat           | "                   | "                    |
| 6.            | Maota           | MAX-III 45 lines    | "                    |
| 7.            | Ringnod         | MAX-III 45 lines    | "                    |
| 8.            | Amba            | MAX-III 25 lines    | Electronic 56 lines  |
| 9.            | Dhamnod         | MAX-III 25 lines    | Electronic 56 lines  |

\*Electromechanical