

है और क्या उस मार्ग पर बहुत से स्कूल, कालेज तथा थाने हैं तथा क्या मेरठ के अधिकारियों ने मेरठ तथा बड़ीत के बीच सीधी सड़क पूरी होने पर यह प्रस्ताव रखा था; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो अभी तक कोई निर्णय न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं?

संस्कार-कार्य तथा संचार विभाग में राज्य मंत्रों (श्री इ० कु० गुजराल) : (क) मुजफ्फरनगर हो कर उपलब्ध ट्रंक लाइनों का इस्तेमाल करके मेरठ और बड़ीत के बीच अप्रैल, 1967 में एक सीधे टेलीफोन परिपथ की व्यवस्था कर दी गई है।

(ख) जी हां। सीधी सड़क पर बड़ीत मेरठ से 56 कि० मी० है। मेरठ से पोस्ट मास्टर जनरल, लखनऊ को एक प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ था, जिसमें नई सड़क पर एक नई टेलीफोन लाइन बनाने का सुझाव दिया गया था।

(ग) चूंकि मौजूदा ट्रंक लाइनों को इस्तेमाल में लाकर बड़ीत से मेरठ के लिए सीधा ट्रंक परिपथ देने की मांग पूरी कर दी गई है, अतः उन्हीं दो स्थानों को जोड़ने के लिए सड़क के किनारे एक नई ट्रंक लाइन बनाने के प्रस्ताव को मंजूरी नहीं दी गई है।

#### Marketing Officers in Laccadive Administration

3124. **Shri P. M. Sayeed:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Marketing Officers employed in the Laccadive, Minicoy and Aminidiv Islands Administration;

(b) the educational and other qualifications prescribed by Government for the post of Marketing Officer and the qualifications possessed by the present occupants of these posts; and

(c) since when present unqualified person have been holding these posts, and the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Vidya Charan Shukla):** (a) There are two posts of Supply and Marketing Officers and two posts of Co-operative Officers (Marketing).

(b) and (c). A statement indicating the educational and other qualifications prescribed for the posts is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No. LT-725/67.]

These qualifications do not apply to persons promoted or transferred to these posts. Existing incumbents of the posts of Supply and Marketing Officers are Matriculates having requisite experience in Marketing and procurement, Incumbents of the posts of Co-operative Officers (Marketing) are also Matriculates and have also been trained in Cooperative marketing at the Cooperative Training Centre, Madras. In November 1964 one post of Supply and Marketing Officer was filled by transfer from the post of publicity Officer in relaxation of the method of recruitment prescribed for the post. The transfer was made in the public interest as no other suitable officer readily available to fill up the vacancy by promotion or transfer.

#### Misuse of Police speed boats in Andaman

3125. **Shri K. R. Ganesh:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Police speed boats meant for security purposes in the Andamans waters are being misused for tours of Officers;

(b) the number of voyages made by the two Police boats between 1966-67, the purpose of the voyage in each case and the Officers who travelled in the boats in each case, and the amount of total expenditure involved;