

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU)_(a) Yes, Sir

- (b) 1 To improve telephone services at Agra following steps have been taken -

i) Replacement of old telephone instruments progressively in a phased manner

ii) Reduction of overhead lines by providing drop -wire and underground cables

iii) A phased programme for replacement of worn out life expired strowger exchange by providing electronic exchanges during the 8th Plan

- 2 To provide new telephone connections a 5000 line ICP cross bar exchange is being installed at Sanjay Place, Agra. In addition to above, a 5000 lines E-10 B and 2000 lines RLU is also proposed to be installed during 92-93

- 3 For providing telephone facilities to the general public and tourists at Agra, 132 local PCOs and 95 STD PCOs have been opened

[English]

Pro-Rata Wages to Extra Departmental Employees

2068 SHRI B N REDDY, Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Finance Ministry has given clearance to the proposals sent by the Department of posts in regard to payment of pro-rata wages, pension, leave and other facilities to the Extra departmental Employees,

(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) No, Sir

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise

(c) Since they are only part-time agents of the department and not departmental employees, it has not been found feasible to extend them with such facilities as those applicable to departmental employees

Construction of New Airport at Cochin

2069 SHRI P C THOMAS Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to construct a new airport at or near Cochin,

(b) whether any site has been selected and if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the funds sanctioned for the same and by what time construction work is likely to start and completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) and (b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise

Proposal to Extend Length of Bangalore Airport Runway

2070 SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state