

(c) whether Government have examined the proposals and if so their reaction in the matter?

Inadequate Capacity of Sangli and Miraj, Telephone Exchange in Maharashtra

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) Yes, Sir,

7495 SHRI ANNASHEB GOTK-HINDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(b) This is a matter of opinion.

(a) whether the telephone exchanges at Sangli and Miraj in Maharashtra are not in a position to meet the demand for new telephone connections; and

(c) No, Sir. These proposals are addressed to the Indian Statistical Institute, which is an autonomous body. The Council of the Institute is considering these proposals.

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to enhance the capacity of these exchanges and when these are likely to materialise?

Payment of Pensions to Freedom Fighters

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA):

7494, SHRI J. G. KADAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) The capacity of telephone exchange at Miraj is sufficient to meet the entire present demand for new telephone connections. While the capacity of telephone exchange at Sangli Main is inadequate to meet the entire pending demand of telephone connections the capacity of telephone exchange at Sangli (Madhavnagar) is sufficient to meet the entire present demand.

(a) the number of freedom fighters who have been given pensions so far, State-wise; and

(b) how many applications were received and how many are still pending, State-wise, and the time it will take to dispose of all the applications of freedom fighters?

(b) In place of the existing 1680 lines manual telephone system at Sangli a 2100 lines automatic exchange is proposed to be commissioned there by about 1975.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) and (b). The information regarding the number of applications received, sanctioned, rejected and pending, (State-wise) as on 31st March, 1973 is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4831/73]. Efforts are also being made to complete examination of all the applications received upto 31st March, 1973 by 14th August, 1973, that is during the Jayanti Year and pension granted in as many cases as are found eligible.

Plan Outlay for Mysore State for 1973-74

7496. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the plan outlay proposed by Mysore State for the year 1973-74; and

(b) the Central Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and