

15 Point Programme for Minorities in Urdu Language

1910. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of languages in which Prime Minister's 15 Point Programme for Minorities has been published and when; and

(b) the details of steps, if any, taken to publicise the programme particularly in Urdu language?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) and (b). Prime Minister's 15-Point Programme for Welfare of Minorities has been published in English, Hindi and Urdu. Sufficient number of copies of the Programme in all the three languages have been sent to State Governments for the guidance of the officials dealing with the programme and for suitable publicity.

Foreign Expeditions for Climbing Various Peaks in J&K

1911. SHRIMATI D. K. BHANDARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Mountaineering Foundation has cleared certain foreign expeditions for climbing various peaks in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether I.M.F. also proposes to encourage foreign expeditions for climbing various peaks in Sikkim in future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 20 expeditions to various peaks in Jammu & Kashmir were cleared during the year 1989.

(c) There is no such proposal.

(d) and (e). Do not arise in view of reply to Part (c) above.

[Translation]

Progress of Extension work of Head Post Office in Kanpur

1912. SHRI JAGDISH AASTHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the extension work of Head Post Office in Kanpur is in progress at present,

(b) if so, the time by which extension work of this head post office is likely to be completed and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(c) the names of the departments likely to be shifted there after the completion of the extension work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The extension work of the Kanpur Head Post Office is likely to be completed during 1989-90. Sanction of a total estimated cost of Rs.54.34 lakhs has been issued. The exact expenditure will be known only after the project is completed.

(c) After completion of the extension work, the followed offices are like to be shifted there:

- (i) Part of Head Office, Kanpur.
- (ii) Office of the PMG, Kanpur.
- (iii) Office of the Senior Superintendent of Railway Mail Service.
- (iv) Office of the Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Kanpur.
- (v) Office of the Civil and Electrical Staff.
- (vi) Circle Stamp Depot.
- (vii) Office of the Manager, Mail Motor Service, Kanpur.

[English]

Restricted Area Permits in Meghalaya

1913. SHRI PRATAP RAO B. BHOSALE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some requests have been received from Government of Meghalaya for relaxation of existing procedure for issue of restricted area permits in order to attract foreign tourists to visit the North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take on the requests received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). Requests for the revision of

restricted area permit system are received from time to time from various States in the North Eastern Region. A request from Government of Meghalaya through Secretary North Eastern Council, was also received in July, 1988. Due to various factors like proximity to the international border, general law and order situation, sensitivity of the region and presence of insurgent elements etc., no further relaxation is envisaged at present.

Supply of Materials to Telecom Factory, Calcutta

1914. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the Telcome. Factories have not been procuring their store requirements from the Public Sector Undertakings/Companies despite Government instructions to do so;

(b) whether a few Government Undertakings/Companies have put in their requests for supplies of materials to the Telecom. Factory, Calcutta during the last one year;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) what efforts are being made to encourage supplies from Government companies as far as possible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir. Telecom Factory, Calcutta is procuring the store requirements mainly through D.G.S. & D. In case of open tender issued by Telecom Factories, the offer of Public Sector Undertaking are being considered on merit basis.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Two Public Sector Undertakings