

(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

quoted and order was placed on both of them.

(d) The Government instructions are being followed.

**Fire Safety Measures in Defence Establishments**

1915. SHRI V. SREENIVASAPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether fire outbreaks in defence installations, Ordnance Factories and other establishments are on rise during the past two to three years throughout the country;

(b) whether the MES and other organisations have been taking appropriate fire safety measures;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) to (d). As per available information with the following Defence organisations, the number of incidents of fire outbreaks during the past three years was as under:

<i>Name of Organisation</i>	<i>No. of accidents during</i>		
	<i>1987</i>	<i>1988</i>	<i>1989</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
(a) Military Engineering Services (MES)	1	—	—
(b) Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA)	1	—	—
(c) Ordnance Installations	—	2	2
(d) Units under Quarter Master General, Army Headquarters	80	72	31

	<i>Number of accidents during</i>		
	<i>1986-87</i>	<i>1987-88</i>	<i>1988-89</i>
(e) Ordnance Factories	1	4	2

Fire safety measures for Defence installations are over seen by the Fire Adviser to the Ministry of Defence and by Station Boards, convened for the purpose at every Military Station. In the MES, the recommendations of the Fire Adviser are implemented

and Fire Safety Works recommended by the Station Boards are executed. Provision of fire-fighting appliances is made in the Defence units concerned.

3. In the context of fire outbreak inci-