

(b) to (f). Since postings of IPS Officers outside Delhi depends upon various factors, like vacancies available, length of stay of Officers in Delhi, administrative convenience and suitability of the officers for the job concerned, etc. no fixed tenure has been prescribed for IPS Officers of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram & UTs (AGMU) Cadre for posting in Delhi Police. Transfer/posting of officers is a continuing administrative process.

[*Translation*]

**Telephone Exchanges in Basti, Balia, Azamgarh and Mau. Districts remain out of Order**

4648. SHRI KALPNATH SONKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of telephone exchanges in Mau, Basti, Balia, Azamgarh districts of Uttar Pradesh are dilapidated and the telephones remain out of order for days together; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to streamline the functioning of these exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) However, improvement in services is being brought about by upgrading the external plant network and replacement of electro-mechanical strowger exchanges by electronic exchanges in a period of 2 to 3 years.

**Constitution of Metropolitan Corporation/Council in Chandigarh**

4649. PROF. PREMKUMARDHUMAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to constitute Municipal Corporation or Metropolitan Council in Chandigarh with a view to introduce democratic system there; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The existing system which has been in vogue in the Union Territory of Chandigarh since 1966 is working satisfactorily.

[*English*]

**Allotment of funds for Kanyakumari - Rameswaram Road**

4650. SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARDHANAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Kanyakumari-Rameswaram road along the coast line has been declared as National Highway;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to allot more funds considering the importance of the road which is of National significance; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Impact of National Agriculture Research Project**

4651. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: