Setting up of Electronic Telephone Exchange at Sasaram in Bihar

4684. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up an electronic telephone exchange in Sasaram to meet the demand of consumers; and

(b) if so, when and if not. the reasons therefor?

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

(b) No suitable accommodation is available for housing an electronic exchange. Efforts are being made to procure the necessary land. However to meet the new demands the capacity is being expanded by 100 lines during 1990-91

[*English*]

Sale/Sub-Letting of Houses in Chandigarh

4685 SHRI BABA SUCHA SINGH Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of residential colonies set up by Chandigarh Administration,

(b) the total number of houses built and allotted; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to check sale or sub-letting of these houses?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Construction of godowns in Rural Areas

4686. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government provide funds to the States for the construction of godowns in rural areas;

(b) if so, the funds provided to Madhya Pradesh so far under this scheme and for how many godowns;

(c) whether these godowns have been constructed; and

(d) if so, the purpose for which these are being used?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL)· (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 2 35 crores have been provided as central subsidy to the State of Madhya Pradesh for constructing 468 godowns with a-total storage capacity of 2.883 lakh tonnes in rural areas.

(c) Out of 468 godowns approved, construction of 245 godowns with a total storage capacity of 1.91 lakh tonnes have been completed so far.

(d) The godowns are generally being