

(b) Under Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), free houses are provided to members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes below the Poverty line and the freed bonded Labourers in the rural areas, the cost of which varies from a minimum of Rs. 10200 to a maximum of Rs. 12000. This has to be seen in the light of the fact that housing schemes of Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) for economically weaker section (EWS) houses, have a range of Rs. 6000 to Rs. 10000/-, of which only 50% is government subsidy. HUDCO is still operating these parameters of EWS housing. Keeping these facts in consideration, the matter is receiving active attention of the Government.

**S.T.D. Connections in Hassan District,  
Karnataka**

4714. SHRI H.C. SRIKANTAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Hassan district in Karnataka where STD connections are given; and

(b) the places which are proposed to be covered in Hassan district by STD during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) Hassan.

(b) Arsikere, Sakleshpur.

**Construction of Cold Storages with  
World Bank Assistance**

4715. SHRI H.C. SRIKANTAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Cold Storages taken up for construction in Hassan District of

Karnataka with World Bank assistance;

(b) the number of cold storages likely to be ready during 1990; and

(c) the amount spent so far and the amount required to complete all the cold storages which are under construction?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) None, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

**Opening of Post Offices in Hassan  
District**

4716. SHRI H.C. SRIKANTAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices in Hassan District; and

(b) the number and locations of new post offices proposed to be opened there during the year 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) At present, there are 407 post offices functioning in Hassan district.

(b) The norms to be followed for opening of post offices in rural areas during the Eighth Plan period are being worked out. The targets for States/districts during 1990-91 are likely to be finalised after this exercise is completed.

**Abolition of Inner Line Permit System  
in North Eastern States**

4717. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: