

exchanges feeding the people of Saidpur Parliamentary Constituency in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the time by which people are likely to be provided with telephone connections; and

(c) when the electronic telephone exchanges will be provided in place of the manual ones?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Out of total 13 exchanges in Saidpur Parliamentary Constituency only 4 exchanges are having total waiting list of 11. The details are given below Telephone exchange-wise.

Saidpur -	4
Jalalpur -	5
Kerakat -	1
Mahadev -	1

(b) By 31st March, 1991.

(c) There is no manual exchange. However, all the 4 exchanges, as mentioned above, are planned to be replaced with electronic exchanges during the year 1990-91.

[*Translation*]

#### **Recruitment of SCs/STs in Home Ministry**

642. SHRI RAM SAGAR: (Sardpur) Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, lying vacant in his Ministry and since when; and

(b) the number of post filled in each

category during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b). Various posts in the Ministry of Home Affairs' Cadre are filled partly by direct recruitment through Union Public Service Commission and Staff Selection Commission, and Partly by promotion. Under the procedure existing prior to 1st April, 1989, in the event of non-availability of SC/ST candidates, the vacancies reserved for them used to be got dereserved, filled, by candidates of other communities, and the reservations carried forward to three subsequent recruitment years. From 1st April, 1989 onwards, dereservation of reserved vacancies has been banned in respect of vacancies filled by direct recruitment. The number of vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the year 1989 to be filled by direct recruitment were 99 and 50, respectively, including the 'carry-forward' vacancies in both these categories.

2. 167 vacancies for Scheduled Castes and 54 for Scheduled Tribes were filled during the years 1987 to 1989.

[*English*]

#### **Varapuzha- Cheranelloor Bridge in Cochin**

643. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of Varapuzha - Cheranelloor bridge on National Highway in Cochin has started;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the cost of construction of the bridge; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?