

been made to educate them through non-formal education centres; and

(c) if so, the number of such centres set up in Orissa so far?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) to (c). Educational facilities have been provided to children of marine fisherfolk in four coastal districts of Orissa through forty Non-Formal Education Centres (NFEC) established with the assistance of Bay of Bengal Programme (BOBP) since 1983-84. They are Balasore (19 NFEC), Cuttack (5 NFEC), Puri (8 NFEC) and Ganjam (8 NFEC).

Violence on Indo-Burma Border in Manipur

654. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether violent incidents are on the increase on the Indo-Burma border in Manipur;

(b) if so, the steps taken to check the growing violence on that border area; and

(c) the details of the security measures taken in those sensitive border areas?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) No marked increase in violence has been noticed in areas of the Indo-Burma border since the beginning of this year.

(b) and (c). The entire State of Manipur has been declared as disturbed area under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act 1958. Meitei Extremist Organisations. viz People's Liberation Army (PLA), People's Liberation Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) etc in Manipur have been declared as 'unlawful associations' under the Unlawful Activities (Preven-

tion) Act 1967. Intelligence reports about the reported plans of under-grounds are shared with the State Government. Vigil on the border is being maintained.

Declaration of Main Central Road in Kerala as National Highway

655. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received Memoranda for declaring Angamalli-Trivandrum road in Kerala known as Main Central Road as a National Highway;

(b) whether any investigation has been conducted thereon;

(c) whether Government propose to declare the Main Central Road in Kerala as a National Highway; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISSHANNAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Owing to final stringency and other priority considerations, it has not been possible to accede to this request.

Expansion of Telephone Exchanges In Ernakulam District in Kerala

656. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals for expansion of existing telephone exchanges and installation of electronic exchanges at Puthencruz, Piravom, Vazhakkulam,