

tion and *inter alia* provide research *in vitro* Oocyte maturation, fertilization and culture. The total amount is Rs. 1908.38 lakhs and US\$ 25.24 lacs.

(e) A network project on Embryo Transfer which will also have the component of *in vitro* Oocyte maturation fertilization and culture in proposed to be included in the 8th Plan.

#### **Group Dialing System from Atholi to Calicut Telephone Exchange**

2809. SHRIK MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Atholi Telephone Exchange in Koshikode; and

(b) the time by which the group dialing system from Atholi to Calicut will be introduced and the exchange installed in the new building for which the land has been acquired by Government?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) At present Atholi has a small Automatic Telephone Exchange of 90 lines capacity with 87 working connections and 269 applicants on waiting list.

(b) Group dialling facility at Atholi is proposed to be introduced from Calicut during the year 1990-91, subject to availability of equipment. A 512 Port electronic exchange is planned for installation in a rented building. A building for higher capacity exchange whenever justified will be planned in the land already acquired.

#### **Inclusion of Cardamom in Indo-Nepal Bilateral Trade Agreement**

2810. SHRI PALAI K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to enlist Cardamom in the bilateral Trade Agreement between India and Nepal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. This matter will be discussed in the next round of official level talks to be held in Kathmandu when the details of an appropriate provision in this behalf may be incorporated in our bilateral agreement.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Secondary Switching Area Facility in Thodupuzha**

2811. SHRI PALAI K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to re-establish the Secondary Switching Area facility in Thodupuzha in Idukki district of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The telecom network of Idukki is too small to justify a separate SSA at present.

**Trunk Telephone Line from Idukki to Nedum Kandan**

2812. SHRI PALAI K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the present stage of the proposal to have a Trunk Telephone Line from Idukki to Nedum Kandan in Idukki district, Kerala; and

(b) the details of steps taken by Government to complete the remaining part of the Idukki-Nedum Kandan Trunk Line?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) and (b). There is a proposal to instal a 30 channel digital radio system (UHF) between Nedum Kandan and Idukki during the 8th Plan period.

**New Electronic Exchange at Thodupuzha**

2813. SHRI PALAI K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government propose to start a new electronic exchange at Thodupuzha, Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 2000 lines ICP exchange already stands allotted for Thodupuzha for 90-91 for replacing existing MAX-II exchange. Equipment for 2000-3500 line expansion is also planned for 92-93.

**Sri Lankan Refugees**

2814. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fresh batches of refugees have started coming to India following the withdrawal of Indian Peace Keeping Force from Sri Lanka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b). Between 26th August, 1989 and 13th March, 1990, 3302 Sri Lankan refugees arrived in Tamil Nadu from Sri Lanka. In addition, 1612 refugees have been brought from Trincomalee by ship and air to camps in Koraput district, Orissa.

**Proposal to Sell Surplus Land of Bombay Port**

2815. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to sell certain surplus land of Bombay Port;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) to (c). No, Sir. There is no proposal to sell any