

(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