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**Anti India Propaganda by some Bangladesh News Papers**

6846. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of certain anti-India propaganda being carried out by some Bangladesh news papers for the last few years; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government at the diplomatic level in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIR (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Government are aware that some newspaper articles and reports in Bangladesh do not reflect an adequate understanding of developments in India.

(b) Our High Commission in Dhaka keeps in constant touch with various newspapers and opinion makers in Bangladesh and regularly brief them on various developments in India and on matters having a bearing on Indo-Bangladesh relations. With the advent of a democratic Government in Bangladesh we are hopeful that the traditionally friendly relations between our two countries will improve further. Increased contacts, both at the official and private levels, will promote mutual understanding and result in better appreciation of each other's concerns.

**Expansion of Telephone Exchange in Himachal Pradesh**

6847. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to expand the capacity of the Telephone Exchanges at Hamirpur, Una and Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are as under;

*Hamirpur.* The existing telephone exchange has been planned to be replaced by a main electronic exchange of 1500 lines during 1993-94.

*Una and Bilaspur.* The existing telephone exchanges have been planned for expansion during 1992-93 by adding one unit of 512 port electronic exchange at each station.

**Compensation to Farmers for Acquisition of Land**

6848. SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide adequate compensation to the farmers whose lands are acquired by the Government institutions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). The information is being collected

and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

### **Cellular Telephones in Bombay**

**6849. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to instal cellular phones in Bombay;

(b) if so, the total outlay for introduction of this service and the foreign exchange component involved therein; and

(c) whether the Government propose to scrap this proposal in view of the prevailing economic situation in the country.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). A proposal to provide this facility to registrants in foreign exchange is under consideration in consultation with Ministry of Finance. The matter is in the preliminary state of examination and details are yet to be worked out.

(c) No, Sir. All aspects of the proposal are under examination.

### **Parking Facilities in Delhi**

**6850. SHRIRAJNATHSONKARSHASTRI:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether car and two-wheeler owners in Delhi find it difficult to park their vehicles and are being exploited by unauthorised persons at parking lots; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to provide adequate parking sites and to prescribe uniform rate of parking all over the city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The provision of parking facilities in the Union territory of Delhi is primarily the concern of civic bodies. The parking facilities are not commensurate with the number of vehicles in Delhi. Both the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and New Delhi Municipal Committee have, however, reported that there is no exploitation of car and two-wheeler owners by unauthorised persons in the parking lots under their control.

(b) The New Delhi Municipal Committee has plans to set up 9 more parking lots. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has plans to set up 3 underground/multi-level parking lots. The rates of parking are determined by the concerned civic bodies.

### **Fire Incidents in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant**

**6851. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARARAO VADDE:** Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fire incidents occurred in the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant during last three years; and

(b) the reasons therefor and the measures taken by the Government to prevent the recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The total number of fire incidents during the last three years, i.e. 1988 to 1990 was 284.

(b) The incidents occurred due to the sparks of welding/gas cutting operations being carried out by multiple agencies engaged in construction, falling on conveyor belt, waste jute, waste packing material,