

Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu has started working;

(b) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to start functioning?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRJAVYAS):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The project could not be completed in time due to the delay in making over the site for installation of transmitter. The AIR Station at Tuticorin is envisaged to be technically ready by June, 1992, and will be commissioned into service, when the essential staff for operation and maintenance is in position.

Visit of Team of Singapore Tourism Development Board

8769. DR. RAJAGOPALN SRIDHARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any team from the Singapore Tourism Development Board had visited India during March, 1992;

(b) if so, the purpose of the visit and the places visited by the team; and

(c) the details of agreements signed with the Union Government, State Governments and the private sector?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCIN-

DIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Telephone Connection in Goa

8770. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the city-wise number of telephone connections provided in Goa as on March 31, 1992;

(b) the number of persons on the waiting list in Goa, city-wise as on March 31, 1992;

(c) the number of telephone exchanges opened during 1991-92 and the number, out of them converted into electronics; and

(d) the number of telephone exchanges proposed to be opened and converted into electronics in 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Information is given in the attached statement.

(c). Three telephone exchanges were opened during 1991-92. All these exchanges were opened with C-DOT 128 Port type electronic equipment.

(d) Three number of new telephone exchanges are proposed to be opened during 1992-93 and six number of electromechanical existing exchanges are proposed to be replaced by electronic exchanges during 1992-93 subject to timely availability of electronic exchanges equipment.