

(iii) These reductions will bring down the US and Russian strategic arsenals from its present levels to approximately one-third.

#### **Inauguration of Telephone Exchanges and Post Offices**

3739. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have issued any instructions to the Telecom and Postal authorities regarding inauguration of the telephone exchanges and post offices;

(b) whether both the Departments have been advised to seek prior permission of his Ministry in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Both the Departments have been advised to ascertain the convenience of Minister of State (c), Central Ministers from the concerned State or the State Chief Minister/of local Minister in consultation with the local M.P. In case of delay, technical cut over will be done without any formal function.

#### **Documentary Film on Sather Mulher Fort in Nasik**

3740. SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has urged the Union Government to produce a documentary film on the historical Sather Mulher fort in Nasik district, Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government

thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

#### **Agreement with Tajikistan**

3741. SHRI D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:  
SHRI SIMON MARANDI:  
SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:  
SHRI SHIBU SOREN:  
SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister of Tajikistan visited India recently;

(b) whether some agreements were signed during the visit;

(c) if so, the salient features and the follow up action taken by the Government thereon; and

(d) the further steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the level of bilateral cooperation with that country?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) to (d). Mr. Ahdumalik Abdullojonov, Chairman of the Council of Ministers, Government of Tajikistan visited India from 14-18 February, 1993. The following documents were signed during his visit:

(1) Declaration on principles and directions of cooperation between the Republic