

Telephone facility to freedom fighters

1106. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to extend the concessional facilities of telephone available to freedom fighters, to the widows of the freedom fighters on the analogy of pension; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Sir, instructions already exist that the widows of Freedom Fighters who are in receipt of pension under Freedom Fighters Family Pension Scheme are eligible for one telephone connection under Non-OYT/SWS category subject to technical feasibility, at the place where they normally reside. As in the case of Freedom Fighters, no installation fee would be charged from the widows and they would be charged from only half the normal rental. The Registration fee as applicable to Non-OYT categories, would however, be charged.

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

Migration of Indians to Germany

1107. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state :

(a) whether several Indians are migrating to Germany through fraudulent marriages;

(b) the number of such Indians who

have migrated to Germany during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA) ; (a) and (b) Migration to Germany through fraudulent marriages is negligible. However some of the Indian nationals who enter Germany and seek political asylum try to regularise their stay in Germany by marriage with German nationals, while their asylum cases are being processed or even after these are rejected.

(c) The Government is opposed to illegal emigration whether through fraudulent marriages or through any other means.

Green Post Boxes

1108. SHRI RABIRAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Government have installed green post boxes for local mail in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 103 Green Letter Boxes have been installed in important locations throughout Delhi. It is clearly indicated on the Green Letter Boxes that only mail for delivery in Delhi should be posted in them. Mail from these letter boxes is cleared twice in a day and taken directly to an identified mail office for immediate sorting. The arrangements made envisage the next day delivery within Delhi of mails posted in these Green Letter