

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGO) : (a) and (b). During the financial year 1992-93, a proposal was received from the Lakshdweep Development Corporation Ltd. (LDCL) seeking financial assistance for establishing additional infrastructural facilities for preservation and processing of tuna and other fish, at their canning factory in Minicoy. An amount of Rs. 26.25 lakhs was disbursed to LDCL as grant-in-aid during February, 1993 for the said project.

**Telephone Connections from M.P.S. Quota**

2167. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) number of sanctions of telephone connections from MPs quota received in MTNL office, Delhi from C.G.M. West Bengal Telecom circle during January to July, 1994 and the details thereof;

(b) the number of telephone connections provided so far; and

(c) the time by which the remaining connections are likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) 180 sanctions have been received by MTNL, New Delhi from West Bengal Circle during January to July 1994. The area-wise details are as under :-

West	:	28
Central	:	14
North	:	16
South	:	80
East	:	32

(b) 63 telephone connections have been provided so far.

(c) Technically non feasible cases are likely to be cleared by 31st March 1995. These connections shall be provided progressively as and when the areas become feasible. Cases pending only for want of registration particulars will be cleared as and when registration particulars are furnished.

**Central Road Fund Assistance to Assam**

2168. SHRI PROBIN DEKA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to State :

(a) the details of the ongoing projects funded out of the Central Road Fund in Assam ;

(b) the details of project-wise estimated cost, amount released and spent so far;

(c) whether the Union Government have released the entire allocated amount; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (d) The details of the ongoing works in Assam approved under Central Road Fund including their estimated cost and amount approved are given in the Statement enclosed .

Allocation of funds is done every year for the State as a whole taking into account the total cost of schemes approved funds released previously, inter-se priority on All India basis, requirements projected by State Government and availability of budget provision. Funds released to Assam for ongoing works under Central Road Fund during the last three years are as under :-

	(Rs. in lakhs)
1991-92	25.00
1992-93	60.00
1993-94	40.00