

account of its having grown a big commercial town and having a large number of industries; and

(b) whether Government have agreed to the said demand and what is their reaction to the demand?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The installation of telex exchange at Shrirampur would be taken up when sufficient demands are forthcoming.

#### **Opening of Post Office in Kansai Section of Ambarnath**

3182. SHRI R. K. MHALTI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a public demand for a new post office in Kansai section of Ambarnath was acceded to by the District Postal Officials of Thana District, Maharashtra;

(b) whether it is a fact that a suitable site was shown to the officials but because of delay of decision on the part of Administration, the chance of getting the same is lost, and

(c) what progress was made in opening the said post office?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN):** (a) A proposal for opening of a post office in Kansai area of Ambarnath is under consideration of the Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Thane Central Division.

(b) No, Sir. The accommodation offered by one Smt. Sundarabai Kalyanji Haria for the said post office could not be accepted as the rent recommended by the Departmental fair Rent Committee was not acceptable to the owner.

(c) The possibility of securing some other suitable accommodation is being explored.

#### **P & T Offices in Tripura**

3183. SHRI AJOY BISWAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post/telegraph offices opened in Tripura during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise; and

(b) the number of post/telegraph offices proposed to be opened during the 1980-81 in Tripura, District-wise and location-wise?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN):** (a) and (b). The information is given in the statement annexed.

#### **Statement**

##### **PART-I.**

*No. of Post Offices/Telegraph Offices opened in Tripura during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise.*

District	No. of post offices opened			No. of telegraph offices opened.		
	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
West Tripura	35	37	12	Nil	Nil	..
South Tripura	15	31	16	..	5	252
North Tripura	23	21	11	11	2	1

## PART-II

Telegraph Offices proposed to be opened in 1980-81 in Tripura

District	No. of telegraph offices proposed to be opened	Location
West Tripura	4	Engineering College, Nutan Nagar Bazar. Sheram Bazar. Bamutia.
South Tripura	2	Taidu Gandecherra.
North Tripura	3	Balar Pasha. Akhiram Bazar. Esri Bazar.

## PART-III

Rural Post Offices proposed to be opened in 1980-81 in Tripura

District	Number of post offices proposed to be opened	Location
West Tripura	5	The villages are not decided in advance.
South Tripura	8	Proposals are considered on a continuous basis and those justified under the prescribed norms are sanctioned upto the target fixed.
North Tripura	5	

### Residential Accommodation to P & T Employees of N.W. Circle

3184. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of P & T employees who have been provided residential accommodation of the divisional

level for each one of the postal/telegraph divisions or telephone districts of N.W. Circle separately as on 31st March, 1980;

(b) whether any steps would be taken to accord priority to the employees working in such divisions where a low percentage enjoy this benefit; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN): (a) The information is given in the statement enclosed.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. In so far as Telecommunications side is concerned, additional staff quarters are under construction at Ambala, Patiala, Yamunanagar, Bhatinda and Gurdaspur. Action to procure land at Hoshiarpur, Hissar, Sirsa, Fatehbad, Simla, Jullundur, Rohtak etc. for construction of additional staff quarters is under process. As regards Postal side additional staff quarters are under construction at Rohtak, Patiala, Bhatinda, Hamirpur and Gurdaspur. Since postal staff of any division is posted at a large number of stations within its territorial jurisdiction, the priority for construction of Departmental quarters is accorded having regard to the size of the town and the availability of residential accommodation there. Postmasters are usually provided with departmental or rented quarters as the case may be.

#### Statement

I. Telecom. side:

Telegraph Division.

Name of Division	Percentage of employees provided with Govt. accommodation
Ambala	4.7
Ferozepore	4.8