

include the stretch of the bye-pass between Tol Bridge on Bombay-Goa Road via Mhapral bridge and Khed Town in Ratnagiri district under National Highway System so as to avoid congestion and accidents at that place; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRI SHNAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Pension to Freedom Fighters and Hyderabad Border Dispute

1624. SHRI Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all freedom fighter of Hyderabad Border Disputes and Arya Samaj movement have been sanctioned pensions;

(b) if no, the present position thereof and reasons for the delay; and

(c) the approximate date by which Government propose to clear all pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). 468 cases of Hyderabad Border Camps and 254 cases of Arya Samaj Movement are still pending. These cases have first to be scrutinised by the concerned Non-Official Committee viz. the Hyderabad Special Screening Committee in respect of Border Camp cases and the Arya Samaj Committee in respect of Arya Samaj cases before final decision is taken by the Ministry. These cases will be placed before the Non-

Official Committee when they meet next.

Electronic Telephone Exchanges in Lucknow

1626. SHRI MANDHATA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the telephone exchanges in Lucknow are proposed to be converted into the electronic system; and

(b) if so, the time by which the project is proposed to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) No. Sir, it is not proposed to convert all the exchanges in Lucknow to electronic one in 8th Plan. One Local Electronic Exchange System has been commissioned recently. Other exchanges as and when they complete their life would be replaced with electronic type only. Further expansions has been planned by Electronic type only.

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

Opening of Post Offices in Punjab

1627. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the location of new Post Offices opened in Punjab during 1989 and the number of new post offices which are proposed to be opened in Punjab during the current year district-wise;

(b) whether any representations have been received from Hoshiarpur district asking for setting up of more Post Offices/Branch Post Offices in that district; and

(c) if so, the response of the Govern-