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#### **Public Telephone Booths in Delhi**

247. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of public telephone booths in Delhi;

(b) how many of those have STD facility;

(c) the total income from these booths annually;

(d) whether Government propose to increase public telephone booths in the capital; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b). The total number of public telephone booths in Delhi as on 30th November, 1989 is 5279. Out of these, 41 have STD facility.

(c) Rs. 2,00,21,815/- for the year 1988-89.

(d) and (e). Yes, Sir. It is proposed to improve the position substantially in the coming years.

#### **Linking of Manali with Delhi by STD**

248. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to link Manali with Delhi by STD; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Manali is proposed to be planned for S.T.D. facility during the Eighth Plan period.

#### **Modernisation of Postal Services**

249. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to expand and modernise the postal services in the country during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) if so, the schemes drawn up, if any, in that regard, State-wise;

(c) the amount earmarked or estimated for implementing those schemes in that plan period; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) *Modernisation*:- The Department of Posts has some proposals to modernise the services through use of technology.

(b) *Expansion*:- Preliminary exercises have been carried at the Departmental level to project the expansion of the postal network during the Eighth Plan. Specific schemes can be formulated only after this preliminary approach of the Eighth Plan is approved by Finance Ministry and Planning

Commission, and the objectives and strategies are spelt out.

(c) Modernisation has necessarily to be a continuous process. However the magnitude of investment required for the next 5 years for the programme now under consideration would be approximately Rs. 220 crores.

(d) In view of (c) above, does not arise.

#### **Establishment of Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Jhunjhunu District (Rajasthan)**

250. CH. JAGDEEP DHANKHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for establishing a Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Jhunjhunu district of Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Sanction has been issued to the Vice-Chancellor, Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner for establishing a Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Village Buhana, Jhunjhunu on 12.10.1989.

#### **Pakistan support to Terrorist Activities in J&K**

251. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ:  
SHRI ARVIND NETAM:  
SHRI DINESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take up with the Pakistan Government the matter regarding their support to the terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir State; and

(b) if so, when and at what level?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) and (b). There have been three rounds of talks between Union Home Secretary and Interior Secretary of Pakistan on various issues including issues relating to terrorism. The next round of talks is likely to be held in near future.

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#### **Increase in the capacity of Almora and Pithoragarh Telephone Exchanges**

252. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the capacity of Almora and Pithoragarh Telephone Exchanges in U.P. during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the extent to which this capacity would be increased; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay and the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) In case of—

i) Almora: No Sir.

ii) Pithoragarh: Yes, Sir.

(b) In case of;

i) Almora: No addition.

ii) Pithoragarh 100 lines.

(c) At Almora, the exchange is of im-