

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to look after their interests?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) and (b). Government are aware of the arrival of refugees from Sri Lanka in the recent past. Of the 1095 refugees who have arrived between 26th August and 12th December, 1989, 952 have been admitted in the transit camps at Mandapam and Kottapattu in Tamil Nadu. These refugees are being provided normal relief facilities aggregating to Rs. 700/- per month per family; these include an element of cash dole, clothing and subsidised ration. The remaining refugees have not sought admission in camps.

#### Public Telephones in All villages

262. SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether public telephones have been installed in all the villages of the country; and

(b) if not, whether there is any plan to this effect and the target date thereof?

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

(b) It is planned to provide a telephone in every gram panchayat village during 8th Plan subject to the acceptance of this Plan by the Planning Commission.

#### Development to Small Ports in Kerala

263. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals have been

received from Kerala Government for the revival/development of small ports at Azhikkal in Cannanore District and Beypore and Calicut ports in Calicut District of Kerala;

(b) if so, the response of Union Government thereto;

(c) whether there is any specific comprehensive plan of Government to revive/develop small and medium ports along the Kerala coasts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and allocation for the same?

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

(b) The State Government was informed in February, 1988 that due to existing constraint of resources, the Central Government was not in a position to bring more minor ports under the scheme of Central assistance.

(c) The Central Government has not drawn up such a plan. The development of minor ports is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Governments.

(d) The Government is quite responsible to suggestions to improve port facilities all along the Coast.

#### Opening of New Telephone Exchanges in Malabar Region of Kerala

264. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of new telephone exchanges which have been opened in the Malabar Region of Kerala during 1989;

(b) whether Government propose to open any more exchanges in this region; if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of telephone exchanges in Cannanore and Wyanad Districts of Kerala which have been expanded/modernised during 1989; and

(d) whether Government have plan to develop the telephone system in Cannanore and Wyanad Districts?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Five new Telephone Exchanges were opened in Malabar Region during 1989. The details are given in Annex.

(b) Eight new Telephone Exchanges are proposed to be opened during 1990 in

Malabar region. These are: Cheeral, Erumamund, Chemprod, Vilangad, Pang, Karulai, Badadka and Edathanatitukar.

(c) 17 exchanges in Cannanore and 2 exchanges in Wyanad Districts were expanded during 1989. The details are given in Annexure.

(d) 14 exchanges in Cannanore and 8 exchanges in Wyanad are proposed to be expanded/modernised during 1990. The details are given in the statement below.

In addition to above, telephone exchange in Payyannur, Taliparamba and Payyangadi in Cannanore and Kalpetta and Sultanbattery in Wyanad Districts are proposed to be expanded as C-DOT, MAX-I exchanges during the 8th Five Year Plan. However, all the above programme is subject to the availability of equipment.

#### STATEMENT

(a) New Telephone Exchanges opened in Malabar during 1989.

1. Calicut ICP Crossbar	5000 lines
2. Korome MAX-III	25 lines
3. Panthalloor MAX-III	25 lines
4. Therthally MAX-III	90 lines
5. Thanaloor MAX-III	90 lines

(c) Exchanges expanded in Cannanore and Wyanad districts during 1989.

#### *Cannanore District:*

1. Cannanore MAX-I	5100 - 5700 lines
2. Munderi MAX-III	45-90 lines
3. Mathil MAX-III	35-45 lines
4. Pannor MAX-III	90-200 lines MAX-II