

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) There are 9651 applications on the waiting list in Alleppy district as on 30-6-1991.

(b) These persons are likely to be provided with the telephone connections progressively by the end of Eighth Plan.

Opening of New Post Offices in Kerala

1316. SHRI SURESH KODIKUNIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for opening of new branch post offices in Kerala during 1991-92; and

(b) if so, the number and details of new post offices proposed to be opened in Kollam and Pathanamthitta districts during 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One post office in Kollam district and 3 post offices in Pathanamthitta district are proposed to be opened in 1991-92. The names are given below.

Kollam district

1. Veliyam West

Pathanamthitta district

1. Manampuzha
2. Palliserikal
3. Manarakulanji.

Import of Remote Line Units

1317. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Remote Line Units (RLUS)/RAXs imported during the last three years;

(b) the countries from where they were imported; and

(c) the number of them installed so far. Telephone Circle/District-wise in the country.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No Remote Line Units/(RLUS)/RAXs have been imported during the last three years.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Modernisation of Kamla Canal in Bihar

1318. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has forwarded the modified Project Report regarding modernisation of the Kamla Canal to the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the main features of the project and the progress made in according clearance to the project so far?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) The modified project on modernisation of Kamla Canal has not been received back from the State Government in the Central Water Commission. However, earlier in April, 1982, a modernisation project report envisaging raising, strengthening and re-modelling of canal structures, distribution system and other related works was received. The project was estimated to cost Rs. 11.49 crores to provide annual irrigation to 45910 hectares. After examination, the project was found to have been prepared without following the existing guidelines for preparation of modernisation projects. The project, was, therefore, returned to the State Government in November, 1986 for modification.