

New Scheme for STs Artisans

1608. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take up 1500 blocks for tribal desert and backward areas for an intensive Public Distribution System under which every village of these blocks would have at least 1 fair price shop;

(b) whether this proposal was discussed at the conference of State Secretaries incharge of Scheduled Tribes welfare;

(c) if so, whether the Government are also formulating a new scheme for scheduled tribes artisans; and

(d) if so, the time by which these recommendations will be implemented by the Government and to what extent the village PDS have so far been revamped?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) About 1700 Blocks have been identified by the States/UTs in the Integrated Tribal Development Programmes (ITDP), Desert Development Programmes (DDP), the Drought Prone Area Programme and Certain Designated Hill Areas for special focus for strengthening of the Public Distribution System in these areas.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no specific scheme of P.D.S. meant exclusively for the tribal artisans.

(d) Does not arise.

Employment to Handicapped Persons in Postal and Telecom Departments

1609. SHRI D.D. KHANORIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for providing employment to handicapped persons on priority basis in the posts and telecommunications departments;

(b) if so, the names of such posts where handicapped persons are appointed; and

(c) the total number of handicapped employees in posts and telecommunications departments in Himachal Pradesh as at present?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 48.

Buildings for Telephone Exchanges in Kerala

1610. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan for expansion and development of Punalur and Adoor Telephone exchanges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to construct new buildings for Adoor and Punalur Telephone Exchanges;

(d) if so, the amount proposed to be allocated for construction of above buildings; and

(e) the time by which the work is likely to be started?

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

(b) i. Punalur - 2.5 K L Main Allotted

twenty six lakhs seven thousand six hundred sixty).

ii. Adoor - 2.0 K L Main Allotted.

ii) 1989-90

(c) Yes, Please.

Rs. 20,09,62,356/-
(Rupees Twenty crores nine lakhs sixty two thousand three hundred fifty six).

(d) Rs. 1.5 Crores each.

(e) (i) Punalur Target date for completion of building June 1993.

(ii) No land available for Adoor at present. Building will take about 3 years after allotment/procurement of land.

[Translation]

Proposal to Open Doordarshan Kendra in Etah District, U.P.

1612. SHRI SURESHANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open a Doordarshan Kendra in Etah district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). As parts of Etah district receive TV service from the high power (10KW) TV transmitter functioning at Agra and that some parts will also get TV service from the high power (10KW) TV transmitter under implementation at Bareilly, there is no proposal at present to set up TV transmitter in the district. Further expansion of TV service in the district would depend on future availability of resources for the purpose.

Villages Electrified in Ghazipur, U.P.

1613. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

Deposits in Postal Savings Accounts in Goa

1611. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of deposits lying in the postal savings accounts in Goa as on March 31, 1991, and

(b) the corresponding figures in the years 1988-89 and 1989-90 year - wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Sir, the total number of deposits lying in the Postal Savings accounts in Goa as on March 31, 1991 in Rs. 23,15,39,258/- (Rs. Twenty three crores fifteen lakhs thirty nine thousand two hundred fifty eight).

(b) The corresponding figures for the above in the years 1988-89 and 1989-90 are as below.

i) 1988-89

Rs. 19,26,07,660/-
(Rupees Nineteen crores