

**Hindi Officers in Missions**

918. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK:  
SHRI ANAND AHIRWAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government review the work of Hindi Officers posted in the Missions abroad;

(b) if so, the number of such officers, who were not found doing their official work in Hindi and the action taken against them; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor and the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) At present Hindi Officers are posted the Indian Missions in Port Louis, Port of Spain, London, Georgetown and Paramaribo. They are performing their duties for propagation of Hindi and implementation of Official Language Policy in their respective Missions satisfactorily.

(c) Does not arise.

**Electrification in Harijan Colonies**

919. SHRI CHHEDI IASWAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have any proposal to provide power connections in Harijan colonies and in tribal villages on priority basis;

(b) if so, the instructions given to the various State Governments, Rural Electrification Corporation and its allied agencies in this regard; and

(c) the extent to which the above proposal has been implemented in various States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) With a view to providing electricity connections to Harijan Colonies and Tribal Villages on priority basis, Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has been extending concessional assistance to State Electricity Boards (SEBs) on preferential terms and conditions. REC has also been advising the SEBs to take up electrification of Harijan Colonies along with the main villages. Further, SEBs have been recently requested to instal distribution transformers at the Harijan Colonies, as part of the village electrification schemes.

(c) As per the available information, 2,62,960 Harijan Colonies and 78,091 tribal villages have been electrified upto December, 1994.

[English]

**New Telecom System**

920. SHRI TARA SINGH:  
SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:  
SHRI P.C. CHACKO:  
SHRI P. KUMARASAMY:  
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:  
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:

**SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a system which is the prototype of British Telecom. Network, specifically the system in use for external plant records data capture and purification, initially in Delhi and Bombay;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any high level delegation was sent to U.K. to study this system;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) A Pilot project to improve the reliability of cable data and records is contemplated in Bombay and Delhi with over two million telephones. Suitability of such a system which checks on correctness of external plant records and tests the cable pairs for faults is under examination. Such systems are also in use in U.K. Telecom System.

(c) and (d) Two JAG Officers, one from MTNL and one from TEC, were deputed to London for 6 days to study the system working in London.

(e) No final decision has been taken in the matter.

[Translation]

**National Highways in Maharashtra**

921. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of the National Highways in Maharashtra; and

(b) the financial assistance provided for the maintenance of National Highways in 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) 2918 Km.

(b) An amount of Rs. 16.63 crores has been released to the State Government of Maharashtra in respect of maintenance/repair of National Highways during 1994-95 so far.

[English]

**Road Transport**

922. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revenue accrued to the Centre from road transport has increased many fold compared to the expenditure on roads made by the Centre during the last five years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The collection of revenue on road transport and the expenditure on maintenance and development of roads are basically State subjects. The mode of collection of revenue on road transport is of different types such as octroi, toll on