

**Linking Important Cities with Delhi or State Capitals through Micro-wave**

3703 SHRI S R REDDY. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have drawn any scheme to link the important cities with Delhi or State capitals through micro-wave link during the current financial year, and

(b) if so, details regarding the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI) (a) and (b) A number of important cities have already been linked through microwave systems with Delhi or State capitals. With the commissioning of new microwave systems during the current financial year, linkages through microwave will be available from 24 additional stations to Delhi and 10 additional stations to their respective State capitals.

**Providing Nuclear know-how to neighbouring countries**

3704 SHRI S R REDDY Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased state

(a) whether Government propose to provide nuclear know-how to neighbouring countries,

(b) whether any request has been made by the Government of Pakistan in this regard to the Government of India, and

(c) if so the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SAMARENDRA KUNDU) (a) No such proposal is under consideration.

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise

**Amount lying unclaimed in P O Savings Banks**

3705 SHRI ISHWAR CHAUDHARY Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether nearly 3 crores of rupees are lying unclaimed in the 82 lakh accounts in the Post Office Savings Banks in the country,

(b) if so, since when, and

(c) where this money will go?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI) (a) and (b) In the Post Office Savings Bank, no amount is treated as unclaimed. The accounts in which there is no transaction for six years are treated as silent accounts. As and when the Savings Bank depositor presents his pass book either for operating the account or for closure the silent account is revived and payment is made to the depositor. Up-to-date interest is allowed to the depositor. The balance of silent accounts at the close of the year 1977-78 is Rs 30 16 crores. The total number of accounts are 82 lakhs approximately.

The procedure of treating the inactive accounts as silent accounts is in vogue since the inception of Post Office Savings Bank Scheme, i.e., from the year 1882.

(c) This money remains part of the public account and is classified to the "major head-846-P&T deposits not bearing interest—silent accounts SB."

As and when the depositor wants to revive his account for further operation the amount of the account is withdrawn from the deposit head, as stated above, and credited to Savings Bank deposits.