

Waiting List for new telephones in Calcutta and other major cities

906. SHRI DHIRENDRA NATH BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the harassment to the general public due to long "Waiting Lists" in getting new telephone connections in Calcutta and other major cities;

(b) whether Government are also receiving complaints from the subscribers about the unhelpful approaches of some P and T officials to them; and

(c) if so, whether Government are going to get the matter investigated through some enquiry committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEV SAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) If such complaints are received, these will be investigated.

Rural functional literacy project

907. SHRI BASANT SINGH KHALSA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Board of Adult Education plans to open a rural functional literacy project in every district in the country in near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) The Government have decided to sanction at least one Rural Functional Literacy Project in every district in the country during the plan period 1978-83 in a phased manner.

(b) The existing schemes of Farmers Functional Literacy (which extends to 144 districts) and Non-formal Education for the persons in the age group 15-35 (which extends to 60 districts) will be merged into one integrated scheme of Rural Functional Literacy project from 1979-80. While the funding will be central, implementation will be done by the State Governments/U.T. administrations. The size of each project would be upto 300 Adult Education centres, with an expected enrolment of 30 adults in each centre.

Opening of centres for National Adult Education Programme

908. SHRI AHSAN JAFRI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many centres have been opened under the National Adult Education Programme from 2nd October, 1978 till 15th February, 1979;

(b) how many of these are in rural areas;

(c) how many new jobs are proposed to be created for implementing the NAEP annually for the next 5 years;

(d) how many unemployed trained teachers have been provided jobs up till now (15th February, 1979) in India under the NAEP; and

(e) how much amount has been spent under the NAEP in India from 2nd October, 1978 till 15th February, 1979?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) During 1978-79, it was proposed to cover 1.5 million illiterate adults, mainly in the age group 15-35 under the National Adult Education Programme. On the basis of an average enrolment of 30 adults in one centre, about 50,000 centres were ex-