

Reserved Posts for SC/ST in the Ministry of Works and Housing

5762. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts reserved for the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in his Ministry including attached and subordinate offices remained vacant on the 1st June, 1980;

(b) the reasons for not filling up of these posts; and

(c) the steps which are being taken by Government to fill these posts?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Central Aid for Write off of Loans of Agriculturists in Drought-Affected Areas

5763. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have approached the Central Government to give some assistance to them so that they are able to write off the loan they had given to agriculturists who suffered due to drought;

(b) if so, the names of the States and the quantum of assistance sought; and

(c) the reaction of the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)

Name of the State	Quantum of Assistance	of Assistance sought
Orissa	Rs. 22.50	crores
Tamil Nadu	Rs. 40.00	crores
Tripura	Amount not specified	

(c) As already clarified in the answer to the Lok Sabha Question No. 886 on 16th June, 1980, there is no Central Sector Scheme providing for write-off of loans in case of natural calamities. Large-scale write-off of institutional loans is not in the long-term interests of the State since this would vitiate the climate of recovery of loans and erode the viability of credit institutions.

Automatic Telephone Exchange at Sivakasi

5764. SHRI ERA MOHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken to instal automatic telephone exchange at Sivakasi; and

(b) if not, when Government propose to instal automatic telephone exchange there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) and (b). Installation of an automatic exchange at Sivakasi has been approved in principle. The supply of automatic exchange equipment in the country is at present however, extremely limited. It has, therefore, not been possible to allot the equipment yet. Steps are being taken to augment indigenous production of automatic exchange equipment. It is expected that automatic exchange equipment can be allotted for Sivakasi by about 1984-85.

In the meantime, land for the construction of an automatic exchange building has been acquired. Building plans are being drawn up.

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5765. श्री सत्यनारायण जाटिया : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के उज्जैन में माइक्रोवेव दूरसंचार सम्पर्क केन्द्र कब तक स्थापित हो जायेगा; और