

Shortage of Govt. Accommodation

816. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is over all shortage of Type I, II and III quarters in New Delhi for Government employees;

(b) if so, the time by which the position will be improved;

(c) whether it is also a fact that persons serving in Central Government are not getting quarters in their respective entitlement even after 20 years of service; and

(d) the time by which Government will be in a position to provide quarters to such persons?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have already undertaken a crash programme of construction of quarters in the types A(I), B(II) and C(II). Keeping in view the programme of construction of these quarters, it is hoped that the position will ease within the next two or three years.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It is expected that the construction of quarters under the Crash Programme when completed will reduce the waiting period considerably.

Co-axial and Microwave Telephonic facilities in Gujarat

817. SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a project is to be undertaken for installation of co-axial and microwave telephonic facility in the region of Gujarat and Jharkhand;

(b) whether Baroda Telephone District is likely to be covered under the project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Besides existing Coaxial and Microwave systems in Gujarat State, following coaxial/microwave schemes have been approved and these are planned for installation during 1980—85 plan:—

1. Ahmedabad-Palanpur	Coaxial cable scheme
2. Palanpur-Deesa	Do.
3. Sidhpur-Patan	Do.
4. Visnagar-Messana	Do.
5. Ahmedabad-Rajkot	Do.
6. Baroda-Anand	Do.
7. Surat-Navsari	Do.
8. Surat-Dhulia	Do.
9. Rajkot-Jamnagar	Microwave scheme
10. Ahmedabad-Bhavnagar-Surat-Rajkot	Do.
11. Ahmedabad-Nadiad	Do.
12. Jamnagar-Khambalia	Do.
13. Ahmedabad-Kaira-Cambay	Do.
14. Nadiad-Godah	Do.

Pending applications for telephone connection in Orissa

818. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of applications are pending for telephone connection in Orissa;

(b) the number of such applications pending in Keonjhar post and telegraph sub-division; and