

Postal: No separate Plan for provision of Postal facilities in the Lakshadweep Islands has been prepared. The National Postal Sector Sixth five Year Plan 1980-85 with an outlay of Rs. 210.90 crores has been drawn up which is under consideration of the Planning Commission.

(b) **Telecommunications:** (i) A satellite Earth station been commissioned at Kavaratti and through this reliable telecommunication link with the mainland has been established.

(ii) The 100 Line Exchange at Kavaratti is proposed to be replaced by a 200 Line Auto exchange.

(iii) While small Automatic Exchanges exist at Ameni, Androth and Minicoy islands, new Exchanges are planned at Kalpeni and Agathy.

(iv) Radio Telephone links are planned between Androth and Calicut, Minicoy and Calicut, and Kavaratti & Minicoy. It is also proposed to replace the old wireless sets at Ameni, Agathy, Kalpeni, Kiltan, Chetlat and Kadamath.

(v) Plans for installation of Long Distance Public Telephones are under consideration.

Postal: The details of the schemes have not been worked out at this stage.

(c) and (d). **Telecom.:** While appropriate financial investments are being made for improving the communication facilities, the special features and requirements of these islands would not permit comparison with other Union Territories.

Postal: The financial allocation is not made to the Union Territories separately. Targets for opening of Post Offices and the financial allocations for that is made circle-wise and Post Offices are opened within the targets set. In case of Lakshadweep the postal facilities are considered very satisfactory and compare favourably with the other Union Territories of comparable situations/size.

Promotion of Punjabi Language by Delhi Administration

901. **SHRI BHIKU RAM JAIN:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state the steps taken by the Delhi Administration for the promotion of the Punjabi language?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): There is a proposal to establish a Punjabi Academy in Delhi.

The Delhi Administration has permitted some aided schools to have Punjabi as medium of instruction.

If the requisite number of students in a school desire to study Punjabi as a language, the Delhi Administration provides necessary facilities. Zonal Education Officers also entertain complaints and communications received in Punjab language.

The Delhi Administration have been arranging for translation of Metropolitan Council's proceedings, speeches by Lt. Governor and speeches by erstwhile Executive Councillors into Punjabi.

The Sahitya Kala Parishad of Delhi Administration arranges an Annual Kavi Darbar in Punjabi. The Parishad also gives awards to Punjabi Litterateurs.

A quarterly journal "Delhi" is also published in Punjabi by the Delhi Administration.

Maintenance of Tikona Park East Delhi

902. **SHRI BHIKU RAM JAIN:** Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 'Tikona Park' in East Delhi is in a state of neglect and potential health hazard;

(b) whether it is a fact that the residents of the adjoining blocks had

addressed several letters to the Municipal Corporation and the Delhi Development Authority to remove insanitary conditions and plant Saplings for the proper development of the park; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

**THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND
HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN
SINGH):** (a) to (c). The Delhi De-
velopment Authority has reported that
on receipt of a representation action
to clear the area in the Park and to
provide plantation at the periphery is
being taken.

Post office for East Dombivali

903. **SHRI R. K. MHALGI:** Will the
Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be
pleased to refer to the reply given to
Unstarred Question No. 1734 on the
23rd June, 1980 regarding post office
for East Dombivali and state:

(a) the progress since made in ob-
taining suitable accommodation to
open a new Post office in Ram Nagar
section of Dombivali;

(b) when these post offices are
likely to be opened; and

(c) what are the reasons of delay?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICA-
TIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):**
(a) to (c). The post office at Ram
Nagar in East Dombivali has not yet
been opened for want of suitable ac-
commodation. Efforts to secure ac-
commodation are continuing.

Deviations made in Master Plan by D.D.A.

904. **SHRI S. M. KRISHNA:** Will
the Minister of WORKS AND HOUS-
ING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been some
cases where Delhi Development
Authority has deviated from the Mas-

ter Plan by converting the original
sites reserved as green belts or for
some other uses for industrial pur-
poses;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount realised by
DDA in these transactions and how it
will be utilised for the benefit of the
community?

**THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND
HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN
SINGH):** (a) No, Sir. Certain modi-
fications have however, been made in
the Master Plan by the Central Gov-
ernment after following the procedure
laid down in Section 11A of the Delhi
Development Act, 1957.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

News Item Captioned "Project washed away for want of shed"

905. **SHRI S. M. KRISHNA:** Will
the Minister of EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to
state:

(a) whether Government's atten-
tion has been drawn to the news-item
captioned 'Project washed away for
want of shed' appearing in the New
Delhi edition of the 'Sunday Stan-
dard' dated 28th September, 1980;

(b) if so, the reaction of Govern-
ment thereto;

(c) the responsibility fixed for the
lapse; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to
be taken to prevent such situations
arising in future and to ensure pro-
per preservation of the rare monu-
ments of archaeological interest?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION
AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B.
CHAVAN):** (a) and (b). Yes Sir. It
is not correct to say that the furrows
excavated under the Kalibangan Pro-
ject have been washed away. The
part of the ploughed field, excavated