

(b) There is no obstacle standing in the way, except that the procedure of sanctioning posts and recruiting staff takes time, specially in the context of a general ban on creation of non-Plan posts.

#### Avenues of Promotion to Staff Artistes

3465. SHRI ESWARA REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are no avenues of promotion to Staff Artistes even in the senior posts of Staff Artistes like Producers, Senior Announcers, Senior Production Assistants, etc. ;

(b) whether any representation was made for a reservation of certain percentage of posts and promotion for Staff Artistes ; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : (a) Each staff artiste is appointed on contract for a particular post and the question of his promotion to higher post as in the case of regular Government servants does not arise. However, in a number of cases staff artistes working in lower posts are eligible for consideration for appointment on fresh contracts to higher posts.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) This is under consideration.

#### Telephone Connection in Nasik District (Maharashtra)

3466. SHRI Z. M. KAHANDOLE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is an increasing demand for new telephone connections, even the deposits have been paid as per orders of the Department but connections are not given speedily in the Chaudor, Satana and Kalwan areas of Nasik District (Maharashtra) ; and

(b) whether there is a demand for separate Telephone Exchanges at Kalwan and Chaudor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) The number of applications, pending for telephone connections at Chaudor, Satana and Kalwan is 15, 12 and 24 respectively. There are no cases of inordinate delay in providing connections after receipt of deposits.

(b) Yes, there have been demands for opening telephone exchanges at Kalwan and Chaudor in place of existing long distance public offices.

A scheme for opening a 25 line small automatic exchange at Kalwan has already been approved. The question of opening a 25 line small Automatic Exchange at Chaudor is under examination.

#### Shifting of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre from Trombay to Madras

3467. SHRI Z. M. KAHANDOLE : Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether some sections of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Trombay are being shifted to Madras ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) whether the Government are reconsidering the shifting proposal ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) to (c). A Reactor Research Centre, with a Fast Breeder Test Reactor as the main experimental facility, is being established near Kalpakkam in Tamil Nadu. Work on the construction of the Reactor is expected to commence in the near future. The personnel of the Fast Reactor Group which is responsible for the setting up of the reactor and is currently functioning from Trombay will be moving to the project site as planned.

#### Reported Statement by Shri Jyoti Basu Regarding Alleged Hiring of Goondas to Murder Political Figures

3468. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of a statement issued by Shri Jyoti Basu, former