

munications in the Andaman Islands and state :

(a) whether Government have since finalised the plan for the improvement or communications in Andaman and other Indian Islands ;

(b) if so, the funds allocated for the purpose ; and

(c) when the plan will be introduced ?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H.N. BAHUGUNA) :** (a) The following proposals out of the scheme for the development and improvement of P&T facilities mentioned in the reply to Unstarred Question No. 322 on 26-5-71 have since been finalised :—

(i) A third steamer service between the main-land and the Islands has been used in addition to the two which were already being used for conveyance of second class mails.

(ii) The condition of minimum income for opening of Post Offices in the Islands has been relaxed to 15% of the estimated cost of the office instead of 25% prescribed for opening Post Offices in other rural areas of the country.

(iii) Arrangements have been made to utilise the services of short-duty staff to expedite sorting of mails received from the Main-land for delivery.

(b) The proposals for improvement and development of postal facilities in Andaman and Nicobar Islands are financed from the funds earmarked for development schemes of the P & T Department as a whole and no separate funds have been allocated for extending P & T facilities in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. It may be stated that an allotment of Rs. 15 lakhs has already been made for opening new post offices and upgrading the existing post offices during the current year. An additional sum of Rs. 10 lakhs has also been kept in

reserve for this purpose which can be allocated if the necessity arises.

(c) (i) The decision to open a floating Mobile Post Office on board the Inter-Island Steamer serving the Southern group of Islands not yet been implemented due to the unwillingness of the members of the crew to work as extra departmental agents.

(ii) The utilisation of the sailings of all Government vessels between the various islands on other duties for conveyance of mails between various Post Offices can be done is pending a settlement of the question of payment of charges to the Island Administration.

(iii) The question of delivery of telegrams in Port Blair through Motor Cycle despatch riders and acceptance of T.M.Os. up to Rs. 100/- for transmission through Police Wireless net work are being examined and a decision on these two matters will be expedited.

(iv) The provision of Wireless Telegraph/Radio Telephone links between the Mainland and the Islands is expected to be completed by the end of 1972.

(v) The provision of the Wireless Telegraphs/Radio Telephone links between Port Blair and the five side stations on the other Islands is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

#### Industrial Development of Bihar

586. **SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Bihar have approached the Central Government to extend large assistance to that State for industrial development ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Central Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHANSHYAM OZA) : (a) and (b). No request has been received from the Government of Bihar either in the Planning Commission or in this Ministry for assistance beyond the programme included in the Central and State's Fourth Plan and Annual Plans

Application for Telephone Connections in Delhi

587. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications for telephone connections pending in Delhi as on 1st October, 1971 ;

(b) the number of telephone connections which have been granted during the period from 1st January, 1971 to 31st October, 1971 ; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to dispose of the pending applications ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) 49402,

(b) 8003

(c) According to the present development programme, additional telephone exchange capacity for about 50,000 lines is likely to be added in the Delhi telephone system by 1974-75.

इन्दौर, उज्जैन तथा देवास में टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों के लिए प्रतीक्षा-सूची

588. श्री कुलचन्द वर्मा : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इन्दौर, उज्जैन और देवास में इस

समय कुल कितने व्यक्तियों का नाम प्रतीक्षा-सूची में है ;

(ख) उन्हें कब तक टेलीफोन कनेक्शन दे दिए जायेंगे ; और

(ग) इस बारे में क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

संचार मंत्री (श्री हेमचतीनंदन बाहुगुणा) :

(क) इन्दौर, उज्जैन और देवास में तारीख 31-10-1971 को प्रतीक्षा सूची की स्थिति इस प्रकार थी:—

इन्दौर	1686
उज्जैन	72
देवास	41

(ख) और (ग) . इन्दौर में जमींदार केवल डालने और उज्जैन और देवास की मौजूदा एक्सचेंज क्षमता का विस्तार करने के लिए कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं। यह कह सकना कठिन है कि प्रतीक्षा सूची के सभी आवेदकों को कब तक टेलीफोन दे दिए जायेंगे, परन्तु आशा है कि अगले एक वर्ष में काफी बड़ी संख्या में टेलीफोनों की मांग पूरी कर दी जायगी।

पासपोर्टों की अवधि समाप्त हो जाने के पश्चात् मध्यप्रदेश में रह रहे पाकिस्तानी राष्ट्रिक

589. श्री कुलचन्द वर्मा : क्या मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्यप्रदेश में कितने पाकिस्तानी राष्ट्रिक पासपोर्ट की अवधि समाप्त होने के बाद भी पासपोर्ट के बिना रह रहे हैं ; और

(ख) इन्दौर तथा उज्जैन में रह रहे