

Kangra and Chamba districts of Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) the time by which new electronic telephone exchanges are expected to be commissioned and telephone connections are likely to be provided to all applicants on the waiting list?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):

(a) Number of applicants on waiting list (as on 31.7.91) for telephone connections is:

(i) In District Kangra — 1129

(ii) In District Chamba — 308

(b) During 1991-92 three new Electronic Exchanges are expected to be commissioned in Chamba district and ten in Kangra district. More Electronic exchanges will be commissioned progressively during 8th Plan period. Expansion plans have been drawn for clearing the waiting list progressively by March 1995.

#### **New Telephone Exchanges in Himachal Pradesh**

3946. SHRI D.D. KHANORIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for setting up of new telephone exchanges in Alampur, Sansai, Barot and Rajhun in Palampur Sub-Division of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which they are likely to be set up; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir, at Alampur only.

(b) 25 Lines Automatic exchange at Alampur is planned to be opened by March, 1992.

(c) At present, there is no registered demand for opening of exchanges at Barot, Rajhun and Sansai. However one Public Call Office (PCO) at Sansai from Chadhar exchange has been planned for installation by March, 1992.

#### **Move by European Parliament Against Sardar Sarovar Project**

3947. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "EC urged against Narmada loan" appearing in the Indian Express (Bombay edition) dated July 15, 1991 wherein it has been stated that the European Parliament has urged the member-states of the European Commission (EC) to refuse approval of any further application to the World Bank for loans to individual sub-projects forming part of the Sardar Sarovar Project or for the next major Narmada Valley Project till a comprehensive resettlement programme was submitted; and

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

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The European Commission, which is the executive authority of the European Parliament, has clearly stated that according to the information available with them the Project is well thought of and, therefore, needs to be supported. In view of this, Government does not propose to respond to the resolution.

#### **Capacity Utilisation of DMS Milk Plants**

3948. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR KANODIA:

SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the capacity utilisation of the Delhi Milk Scheme plants during the last three years and upon June, 1991, year-wise;

(b) the progress made in modernisation/renovation of these plants and equipments; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the benefits of better capacity utilisation and modernisation reach the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN):

(a) The capacity utilisation of Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) plants during the last

three years and upon June, 1991 is as follows:—

Year	Capacity utilisation
1988-89	95.5%
1989-90	107.1%
1990-91	110.7%
1991-92	94.1%

(April, 1991 to June, 1991)

(b) The progress made in modernisation / renovation of plants and equipments is as follows:—

1. Bottling plants have been replaced with new Polypack Machines.
2. Two Milko-Scans for quick and accurate testing of Fat and SNF contents have been installed.
3. Elecster Plant has been installed to process and pack sterilised flavoured milk in polypacks.
4. Old Milk Pasteurisers have been replaced with new ones.
5. Two Silo Tanks of One Lakh litres capacity each have been installed and two more Silo Tanks of same capacity are being installed.

(c) Delhi Milk Scheme is a public utility Organisation. All measures to improve its capacity utilisation and modernisation of plant and equipments benefit the consumers.

#### Supply of DMS Milk

3949. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR  
KANODIA:

SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:  
SHRI CHETAN P.S.  
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and nature of complaints received between January—June, 1991 regarding irregularities in supply of milk by the Delhi Milk Scheme; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN):  
(a) 907 complaints were received by the DMS. These related to irregular timings in opening depots and unauthorised bulk sale of milk.

(b) The complaints were investigated and appropriate action taken including

cancellation of agencies and removal of errant staff.

#### World Bank Assistance for Purchase of Telecom Components

3950. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have requested the World Bank for providing financial assistance for the purchase of telecom components;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the World Bank has sent a two member team to India in this connection; and

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) Discussions were held in September 1990 with World Bank for possible funding of the procurement of components to meet the telecom sector requirements. World Bank suggested a telecom sector study to cover status of plans, indigenous technology development and production constraints, if any. Government accepted this proposal and a group of experts from World Bank have carried out the study during the period February to May, 1991. Report of the World Bank is still to be received.

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#### Commemorative Postal Stamp "Shaheed Birsa Adivasi"

3951. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to issue a commemorative postal stamp on "Shaheed Birsa Adivasi"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. A commemorative postage stamp has already been issued on "Birsa Munda" on 15th November, 1988.

(b) Does not arise.