

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The strength of Delhi Police has been increased from approximately 30,700 in 1985 to approximately 51,000 upto July, 1991. There is no proposal under consideration for general upward revision in the strength of Delhi Police. The requirements of law and order, as and when the exigencies so warrant, are being met by deployment from Central Police Organisations as in the case of other States/Union Territories.

[English]

Newsitem Captioned "Non-Tribals Grab Chakma Land"

5048. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Non-Tribals grab Chakma Land" appearing in Hindustan Times dated August 3, 1991;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Chakma issue in Bangladesh is an internal matter of Bangladesh. However, insofar as the Chakma refugees in India are concerned the Government have repeatedly taken up at various levels with the Government of Bangladesh the question of their early return to Bangladesh. We hope

that the Bangladesh Government will take necessary and effective steps which give the refugees the confidence to return to their homes in the Chittagong Hill Tracts voluntarily and that the earliest.

[Translation]

Study Team to Australia to Gather Information on Sugar Production

5049. DR. G.L. KANAUIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have deputed a study team to Australia to gain more information on the production of Sugarcane in that country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Cordless Telephones

5050. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cordless telephones are being produced in the country, if so, since when;

(b) whether there is a growing demand for such telephones in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

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

Cordless telephones are being produced in India since 1990:

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) 34 parties have been earlier licensed to manufacture cordless telephones in the country. No licensing is required hereafter for manufacturing cordless telephones according to New Industrial Policy recently announced.

[Translation]

Reserve of Gold Mixed Sulphite Pyrites In Bihar

5051. SHRI BRAHMANAND MANDAL:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge reserve of gold mixed sulphite pyrites have discovered in village Karmatiya in district Munger (Bihar);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the excavation work is likely to be started there;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up the industries based on the said mineral in Munger; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Does not arise.

[English]

Sri Ramsagar Dam Project Stage I

5052. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on the Sri Ramsagar Dam Project Stage I in Andhra Pradesh so far; and

(b) the details of land brought under irrigation through the Project so far?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) An expenditure of Rs. 589.47 crores has been incurred upto the end of March, 1990 on the Sri Ramsagar Project Stage-I. The anticipated expenditure during 1990-91 is Rs. 44.29 crores.

(b) An irrigation potential of 253420 hectares has been created upto the end of 3/90. The anticipated achievement during 1990-91 is 10,000 hectares.

Privatisation of Indian Telephone Industries

5053. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to privatise the Indian Telephone Industries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Losses Incurred by IISCO, Burnpur

5054. DR. S.P. YADAV:

SHRI PARTAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on IISCO, Burnpur during the last three years, year-wise;