

(a) the number of Ministers who visited the earthquake affected area of Uttar Kashi district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of other persons who accompanied the Ministers; and

(c) the names of the areas of Uttar Kashi and Tehri visited by these ministers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIM.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

**Use of Social Aircraft by Ministers for Official Trips**

2865. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Union Ministers, except the Prime Minister, who used special aircraft instead of regular Indian Airlines flights for official trips since July, 1991 till date;

(b) the financial burden the Government had to bear for using of special aircrafts for official trips; and

(c) the justification for using special aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIM.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

**Apex Body for Voluntary Organisations**

2867. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to set up an apex body to deal with voluntary organisations; and

(b) if so, reasons thereof and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) This ministry does not have any such proposal.

(b) Question does not arise.

[*Translation*]

**Traffic Personnels at Patel Chowk, Gole Dak-Khana and Dr. R.M.L. Hospital Round about, New Delhi**

2868. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite heavy traffic at the round about near Gole Dak-Khana Patel Chowk and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi neither traffic police personnel are deployed there nor there is any traffic signal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to instal traffic signals at these round abouts;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The Delhi Police have reported that the traffic policemen are deployed at the roundabouts of Gole Dakkhana Patel Chowk and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital during peak hours. Besides, the traffic police staff is also detailed at Gole Dak-Khana from 7.00 A.M. to 9.00 A.M. and 12.00 noon to 2.00 P.M. The installation of traffic signals on these roundabout has not been considered expedient for smooth road traffic.

(c) to (e). There is no proposal to install traffic signals at present.

[English]

**Pro-Rata Wages to Extra Department Employees**

2869. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI  
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE  
PROF. PREM DHUMAL

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3892 on August 22, 1991 and state;

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision regarding grant of pro-rate wages, increase in the amount of Ex-gratia/gratuity and extension of Group Insurance Scheme to Extra Departmental Agents/Employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). The proposal regarding payment of pro-rata

wages and increase in ex-gratia gratuity to the Extra-Departmental Agents has been considered in consultation with the concerned Ministries of Govt. of India. Having regard to the prevailing over-all economic situation in the country, and other relevant factors such as the heavy financial implications involved in the proposal, the continuing Heavy deficits of the Department, the limited scope for bridging the gap between revenue and expenditure and the likely repercussions of the revision of pro-rata wages of ED Agents on a large number of other similarly placed part-time workers in sectors like Education, family Welfare, etc., Government have decided to drop the proposal for the present. No decision has been taken regarding extension of Group Insurance Scheme to E.D. Agents.

**S.T.D. Facilities in Orissa**

2870. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cities in Orissa which have been provided with Subscriber Trunk Dialing (STD) facility so far;

(b) whether there is any demand extend this facility to some other cities also;

(c) the names of the cities where this facility is proposed to be extended in that state; and

(d) the time by which STD facility is likely to be made available there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) List is placed at the enclosed Statement-II

(b) Yes, Sir,

(c) and (d). STD facility is planned to be