

S.T.D Facility in Towns of Buldana District, Maharashtra

1657. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide STD facility in towns of Buldana district in Maharashtra, especially in Malkapur during the year 1992; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). (i) STD facility is already available at Khamgaon. STD to Buldana is planned to be commissioned on 30.11.91.

(ii) Malkapur is planned to be provided STD facility during 1992-93.

(iii) All other towns in Buldana district are planned to be provided STD facility during 8th Plan.

Fax Service at Bilaspur and Una in Himachal Pradesh

1658. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of providing FAX service at Bilaspur and Una in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) The service will be provided during

1992 at the Telegraph Offices.

(c) Not applicable.

[Translation]

Provision of 'Micro-Wave' System in Police Communications

1659. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide 'Micro-wave system facility of communication to the Police Forces in the States to make the forces more effective; and

(b) if so, the time by when this system is likely to be introduced?

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). There is already a programme to have wireless communication links at the state, district and police station levels under the scheme of the modernisation of State police forces. Financial assistance is provided to the State governments for procuring communication equipments.

Creation of Indian Broadcasting Services

1660. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a demand for the creation of Indian Broadcasting Services;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any action in this regard so far; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRJAVYAS):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Indian Broadcasting (Programme) Service has already been notified on 5.11.1990.

[English]

Harljans of Gujarat

1661. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the entire Harijan population of village Chitrodipur, Mehsana in Gujarat have migrated;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government in consultation with the State Government to give justice to them?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c). A report on the reported migration of the Scheduled Castes of village Chitrodipur, Mehsana, Gujarat has been called for from the State Government of Gujarat.

Home Direct Service to other Countries by M.T.N.L.

1662. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) introduced 'Home Direct Service', to other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the countries for which this Service has been introduced?

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

(b) and (c). Details are given in the attached Statement.

STATEMENT

The service has been introduced to 8 countries with effect from 1-11-91, as detailed below:-

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