

(b) the number of old telephone exchanges where such plants have been set up so far and the names of telephone exchanges where such plants are proposed to be set up in the country;

(c) the number of telephone exchanges set up in the country during the period from 1972 to 1975 in the country, which have not yet been modernised so far; and

(d) the reasons for the delay in modernising the telephone exchange in Mongyr?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d). Necessary information is being collected and shall be placed on the Table of the House.

#### Development of Kapirvastu (U.P.) as Tourist Place

1989. SHR RAMPAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to develop Kapirvastu, an important place, of Buddha religion in Uttar Pradesh, into a tourist place;

(b) whether some assistance has been received for the development of the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. For the development of tourism infrastructure in the States of U.P. and Bihar, a project is under implementation with the assistance from the Govt. of Japan. apart from the various components of the project, it includes the improvement and strengthening of roads connecting piprahawa (Kapirvastu) with other Buddhist

Centres in that area and improvement of telecommunication facilities. The Central Department of Tourism, in addition, has sanctioned a wayside amenity at Kapirvastu (Piprahawa) for an amount of Rs. 13.01 lakhs.

[English]

#### Availability of Minerals in Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh

1990. DR. VISWANATHAM KANITHI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted about availability of minerals and Metals in the District of Srikakulam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these are commercially viable; and

(d) if no survey has been undertaken, the time by which Government propose to undertake such a survey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Survey carried out by Geological Survey of India (GSI) has brought to light occurrences of clay in the areas near Varisam, Nelivada and Koshta; building stones like granite, gneisses and Chamockites etc. in Maddiravudupeta, Kadakalla, Gotta, Tunga Tempora. Ponduru areas and Kankar limestone near Katabommali, Jiyannaper, Vijayaramapuram and Duttigam. Minor occurrences of Sillimanite and manganese are also reported from the district. The beach sand from Meghavaram are reported to contain considerable amount of heavy minerals like ilmenite and monazite.