

(e) if so, whether the Government propose to remove this dual policy and the steps being taken by the Government to construct quarters for the officers and employees in consonance with their number?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA) :

(a) **Department of Post**—Yes, Sir.

Department of Telecom—Yes, Sir.

(b) **Department of Post**: Some Stations accommodate more Snior Officers because their number is negligible in relation to non-gazetted staff.

Department of Telecom: No, Sir.

(c) **Department of Post**: Same as (b) above.

Department of Telecom: Not applicable in view of at (b) above.

(d) **Department of Post**: No, Sir, but in places where the entitled accommodation for the officer is not available in the Postal Pool, accommodation is provided from the Directorate of Estates.

Department of Telecom: No, Sir.

(e) **Department of Post**: Does not arise in view of (d) above. However, construction of quarters is being done in phased manner all over the country depending upon the availability of funds.

Department of Telecom: Not applicable in view of reply at (b) and (d) above.

[English]

Iridium System

3008. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Giant Metre Wave Radio Telescope at the National Centre for Radio Astronomy faces a threat from the Iridium system; and

(b) if so, the steps Government plans to initiate to provide protection for radio astronomy frequencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Frequency bands of operation planned to be used by the Giant Meterwave Radio Telescope (GMRT) of National Centre for Radio Astronomy (NCRA) and the Iridium system are 1610.6-1613.8 MHz and 1621.35-1626.5 MHz respectively which are not overlapping and are in accordance with the International Radio Regulation. As regards potentiality of harmful interference to GMRT from spurious emissions of Iridium system, the matter was taken up by the Indian Administration with the Iridium LLC and appropriate operational provisions have been incorporated in the coordination agreement between the NCRA and Iridium LLC so that spurious emissions of the Iridium system do not produce harmful interference to the GMRT.

[Translation]

Hindi Edition of Science Books

3009. SHRI ADITYANATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the students studying science through Hindi medium have been facing inconvenience because English edition of text books published by NCERT becomes available on time but Hindi editions are not available even after the start of the session;

(b) if so, the regions from which such complaints have been received, the time of their receipt and the steps taken to remedy the situation; and

(c) whether it has been ensured this year that the Hindi text books of science related subjects are provided by the NCERT before the start of the session or in time?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir. All the Science text books published by the NCERT in Hindi for classes III to XI are available for the use of students who are studying these subjects through Hindi medium. However, in the current academic session four titles are either in print or are under process.

(b) The NCERT has not received any complaint from any region for non-availability of Science text books in Hindi.

(c) The Hindi editions of all the Science text books are available for use by the students except four titles about which position is explained in part (a) above.

[English]

Performance of Navodaya Vidyalayas

3010. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI:

SHRI ABDUL HAMID:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether performance of the Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country has been evaluated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the name of the districts where such Vidyalayas have not been established so far, State-wise and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It has been proposed in the Programme of Action,