

Lump Sum Road Tax on Personalised Vehicles

7279. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the stage at which the proposal of lump sum road tax payment of personalised vehicles in all States and Union territories stands at present; and

(b) the details of the scheme?

MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRAISHNAN): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Allocation For Expansion of Telephone Service in Maharashtra

7280. SHRI HARISHANKAR MAHALE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the allocations made for the expansion on telephone services in Nasik and other districts of Maharashtra during 1990-91; and

(b) when these Schemes are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) It is expected to allot Rs. 120.20 crores to Maharashtra Telecom Circle for the year 1990-91 under Capital heads for development of Telecom services. Out of this about Rs. 2.39 crores is likely to be spent in Nasik on Projects costing Rs. 50 lakhs and more individually. The allocations will be subject to change in the light of actual receipt of equipment etc. during the course of the year.

(b) These schemes are likely to be implemented in 1990-91.

[*English*]

Collaboration with Foreign Countries for Development of Telecom Facilities

7282. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of collaboration agreements have been entered into with some foreign countries for development of telecom facilities during the last two years; and

(b) if so, the details of each agreement entered into?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, the following collaboration agreements have been signed by the Department of Telecom during the period 1.4.88 to 31.3.90.

- (1) Cable Terminal Boxes with KRONE of West Germany.
- (2) Coin/Token Type STD Payphones with Tamura of Japan.
- (3) 6 CHz & 13 GHz Microwave Equipment with NEC, Japan.
- (4) Optical Fibre Cable and Line Equipment with NKT of Denmark.

National Telephone Link in Orissa

7283. SHRI D. AMAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in Orissa which have been linked with the national Tele-

phone Network so far; and

(b) the names of places which are likely to be provided with this facility during the year 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI
JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) *Places:*

1. Angul,
2. Balasore,
3. Balugaon,
4. Baripada,
5. Berhampur (Ganjam),
6. Bhadrak,
7. Bhawanipatna,
8. Bhubaneswar,
9. Bolangir,
10. Burla,
11. Chandake (Bhubaneswar),
12. Chatrapur (Ganjam),
13. Chowdwar (cuttack),
14. Cuttack,
15. Dhenkanal,
16. Ganjam,
17. Gopalpur,
18. Hirakud,
19. Jagatpur (Cuttack),

20. Jaipur-raod,
21. Jeypore
22. Jharasaguda,
23. Kendrapara,
24. Keonjhar,
25. Khurada Koraput,
26. Kancheshwar (Bhubaneswar),
27. Nelco-nagar (Angul) Paradeep,
28. Phulbani,
29. Puri,
30. Rayagada,
31. Rourkela,
32. Sambalpur,
33. Sunabeda,
34. Sundergaryh,
35. Talcher,
36. Damhajodi.

(b) *Places:*

1. Aska,
2. Baargarh,
3. Chandipur,
4. Gunupur,
5. Hola,
6. Jatni,

7. Barbil,
8. Kantabanji,
9. Nowrangpur,
10. Parlakhemundi,
11. Rajgangour.

[*Translation*]

Indore Bypass

7284. SHRIMATISUMITRAMAHAJAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide a bypass on Bombay-Agra National Highway 3 at Indore:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which construction work of that bypass is likely to be started and the target fixed for completion of the project?

MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRAISHNAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to construct a 31.4 km. long bye-pass around the Indore City on N.H. No. 3 at an approximate cost of Rs. 42.45 crores.

(c) The proposed Indore Bye-pass has been sent to the World Bank for financial assistance. The World bank is yet to take a final view on this assistance. Therefore, it is too early to fix a time schedule for the start and completion of the bye pass.

However the Govt. is aware of the Importance of the Indore bye-pass and in consultation with the State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh would take appropriate steps to finalise the proposal.

Illegal Telephone Connections in Delhi

7285. SHRI KALPNATH SONKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of temporary and permanent telephone connection sanctioned in each telephone exchange of Delhi during the last three months and authorities who had sanctioned them;

(b) whether there is large scale illegal local shifting of telephone connections in Karol Bagh, Idgah, Shahdara, Delhi Gate and Nehru Place exchanges, and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to conduct an inquiry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Improvement in Telephone Service in Sikkim

7286. SHRI NANDU THAPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has formulated a time bound programme to improve the telephone services in the capital town of Gangtok;

(b) whether the State is entitled to have its own telecom Circle which is at present under the West Bengal Telecom Circle;

(c) how many Sikkimese locals have been absorbed in the technical capacities in the Officer Grade; and