

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