

Maintenance of Telephone Exchange in Calcutta Telephone

7322. SHRIM.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 50 per cent telephones of subscribers including Government connections have been out of order for more than year within '45 and '46' exchange of Calcutta Telephones;

(b) whether telephone connections of the exchange given in the areas of Mahesh Dutt Lane, Chetla including service connections have not been working at all;

(c) whether the vigilance department has detected cases of corruption against some employees/officers of the exchange in the matter of maintenance;

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(e) steps taken to restore the normal service to subscribers of the exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No Sir.

(b) In MAHESH DUTT LANE and CHETLA as a result of Durgapur bridge construction, most of the subscribers lines were faulty due to cable breakdown from first week of March, 90 to last week of March, 90. The cables were damaged at different places and developed multiple faults. At present the cable faults have been restored and most of the subscribers' connections have been made working.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) All possible efforts are being made to restore the services.

Strengthening of Security of Borders

7323. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ: SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the heavy influx of extremists, terrorists and anti-national elements from across the borders, Union Government have taken a decision to strengthen the borders and increase the check posts of the borders;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which this is likely to curb the influx of such elements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b). A five year expansion programme for BSF was sanctioned in 85-86 and its is being implemented. According to this programme, more border out-posts are being set up, observation post-towers are being constructed, BSF are being provided with more sophisticated equipments as well as additional vehicles for more effective patrolling.

(c) The number of persons apprehended/intercepted on the Indo-Pak borders and Indo-Bangladesh borders during 1988, 1989 and 1990 (upto 18th April, 1990) are given below: