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Decentralisation in Telecom Policy

7347. SHRI K.S. RAO:
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BHAKTA:
SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce 'decentralisation' in its telecom policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the objective behind the policy of decentralisation;

(c) whether as a consequence, Government propose to ask both the public and private sectors to allocate funds for telecommunications projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the spheres earmarked for private sector in telecommunications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) There is no proposal to introduce 'decentralisation' in telecom. policy.

(b) to (d). Question does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Construction of Kumbalangi-Perumpadappu Bridge In Cochin

7348. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the

Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the construction of Kumbalangi Perumpadappu bridge in Cochin under Central Road Fund;

(b) whether there is an undue delay in the construction of the bridge; and

(c) the steps taken to speed up the construction of the bridge?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) The State Government of Kerala is responsible for construction of this bridge. According to them, the work on foundation of the bridge is in progress.

(b) and (c). There has been delay in construction of the bridge since the design of foundations had to be revised based on confirmatory borings taken at the time of execution. A revised estimate for the work based on the redesign of the foundations has been formulated for sanction by the State Government.

Ships Called on at Major Ports

7349. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the number of ships called on at major ports during 1989-90, port-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): The number of ships which called at major ports during 1989-90, is given below:

<i>Port Trust at</i>	<i>No. of Ships</i>
1	2
Mormugao	628