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**Construction of Hapur and Moradabad
by-Passes**

7369. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work on the proposed Hapur and Moradabad by passes on Delhi-Moradabad National Highway has been started;

(b) if not, whether it is likely to be started during the current year; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay and the steps proposed to be taken by Government to overcome those causes?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K P UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c). Land acquisition estimates for construction of these bypasses have already been sanctioned. As the land acquisition is a time consuming process, it is too early to say when the construction of these bypasses will be taken up. The State Government has initiated the land acquisition proceedings which are in progress

**Expansion of Telephone Exchange in
Pithoragarh**

7370 SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the expansion of Telephone Exchange in Pithoragarh (Uttar Pradesh);

(b) if so, whether all applicants in the waiting list will be covered; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to clear all pending applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The Telephone Exchange at Pithoragarh has recently been expanded from 400 lines to 500 lines.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There are 56 applicants on the waiting list and these are planned to be provided with telephones within a year.

**Opening of Branch Post Offices in
Almora, U.P.**

7371. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open some new branch post offices in district Almora in Uttar Pradesh this year; and

(b) if so, the locations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two branch post offices are proposed to be opened, one at Kulaon and the other at Dunar.

[*English*]

**Identity Cards to Infiltrators from
Bangladesh**

7373. SHRI YADVENDRA DATT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether identity cards are to be