

(a) whether Government propose to set up a cross-bar exchange with the capacity of 4000 lines in Udaipur, Rajasthan and if so, when; and

(b) when Government propose to set up electronic exchange in Udaipur and Pali respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) There is a proposal to set up a Crossbar exchange at Udaipur during 1990-91.

(b) A separate electronic exchange is also planned for Udaipur for commissioning in 1992-93, subject to availability of equipment in time. Electronic exchange at Pali is already working.

Foreigners Visit to India

7397 SHRIGULABCHAND KATARIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the number of persons who visited India holding valid passports during the last three years;

(b) how many of them went back to their countries;

(c) whether many of them are still in the country and creating communal problems;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to identify and deport them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (e). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Filling of Fertilizer Bags in Rashtriya Chemical and Fertilizer Plants

7398. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work relating to filling of fertilizer bags in RCF plants and loading of bags in trucks is being done on contracts basis;

(b) if so,, the total number of bags being filled/loaded per month and payment made for the same; and

(c) the action taken by Government for abolition of contract labour system for regular work?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) At the Trombay Plant of RCF, while filling of fertilizer in bags/is carried out by the employees of RCF, loading of the fertilizer bags in trucks is being done by the Railway Goods clearing and Forwarding Establishment Labour Board for Greater Bombay. At the Thal Unit, the work relating to filling of fertilizer bags and loading them in trucks and wagons is being done through the Government of Maharashtra, Registered Mathadi Workers.

(b) The total number of bags per month being filled at all the units of RCF is about 40 lakhs and the payment made by RCF for filling/loading of bags is about Rs.35 to 40 lakhs every month.

(c) Contract labour is not employed by RCF for filling and loading of fertilizer bags. Further under the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970, "the appropriate Govt." can prohibit employment of contract labour in a job, process or operation

having regard to the conditions stipulated in the Act.

Linking of Towns with Delhi and Bombay by STD

7399. SHRI A.R. ANTULAY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts and cities in Maharashtra having a population of more than one lakh linked with Delhi and Bombay through S.T.D.; and

(b) the details of districts and cities proposed to be linked by S.T.D. with Delhi during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No. of District Headquarters in Maharashtra linked with Delhi and Bombay on STD—29.

No. of District Headquarters linked with STD in Maharashtra with population more than 1 lakh—19.

No. of Cities (other than DHQ) in Maharashtra with population more than 1 lakh linked with Delhi and Bombay on STD—7.

(b) Beed and Buldana which are DHQs in Maharashtra are planned to be provided with STD during 8th plan period. In addition about 200 stations in Maharashtra are planned to be given STD facility during 8th plan period subject to availability of equipment.

[*Translation*]

New Telephone Connections in Janakpuri Telephone Exchange

7400. SHRI SUKHENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be

pleased to state:

(a) the present capacity of Janakpuri telephone exchange;

(b) whether Janakpuri exchange is giving priority to new connections;

(c) the reasons for not taking up shift cases;

(d) whether the Ministry has issued any orders in this regard; and

(e) if so, the number of telephone to be shifted to Janakpuri exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The present capacity of Janakpuri Exchange is 16,900 lines.

(b) No, Sir. First priority has been accorded to shift cases which stand cleared upto 31.3.90.

(c) These cases are executed right away in case particular localities are having requisite underground cable pairs. If not, due to non-availability of local cables in particular localities, these would be executed on the areas becoming feasible on completion of cable works in progress.

(d) and (e). Does not arise in view of (c) above.

[*English*]

Setting up of Fertilizer Plant in Punjab

7401. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a fertilizer plant in Hoshiarpur district or at