

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SANJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In Almora District, only Almora Exchange has waiting list of 199. This waiting list is likely to be exhausted on commissioning of 2048 Lines ILT exchange during 1991-92 subject to receipt of equipment.

#### **Interim Relief to Employees of Department of Posts**

\*90. SHRI SUKHENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an interim relief of Rs. 100 has been given to the employees of the Department of Telecommunications and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, in Bombay and Delhi;

(h) if so, whether the employees of Department of Posts are also demanding the same; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SANJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir. However, an ad hoc payment of Rs. 100/- per month has been sanctioned w.e.f. 1.9.90 only to those Group. 'C' and 'D' employees of the Department of Telecom who are working on deemed deputation to MTNL, pending finalisation of terms and conditions of their absorption in MTNL. This ad hoc payment is not payable to the other employees of Department of Telecom including those posted in Delhi/Bombay but working outside the purview of MTNL.

(b) and (c). There was a demand from one of the service Unions for payment of interim relief to the employees of Depart-

ment of Posts. There is no justification for the same.

[English]

#### **Impact of the Gulf War on Fertilizer Industry**

\*91. SHRI R. GUNDU RAO:  
SHRI VASANT SATHE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fertilizer industry has been critically affected due to the Gulf war,

(b) whether due to increase in crude prices in the international market the prices of Naphtha, the raw material for nitrogenous fertilizers and that of finished fertilizers are going up;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to import fertilizers to meet the widening gap between their demand and supply; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to save the fertilizer industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) While the production of nitrogenous fertilizer industry has not been significantly affected, the production of phosphatic fertilizers dependent on the imported intermediates and raw-materials have been partially affected due to the Gulf War.

(b) The prices of Naphtha and other petroleum products used for fertilizer production have gone up on account of 25 per cent Gulf Surcharge. Similarly, the price of imported fertilizers is also showing an up-

ward trend. However, the selling price of fertilizers has not been increased in the country.

(c) Fertilizers will be imported, as hitherto, to bridge the gap between the assessed demand and indigenous supply.

(d) MMTC which is the canalising agency for the import of fertilizers, intermediates and the raw-materials has been advised to intensify efforts to procure the supplies from alternative sources so as to meet the requirements.

[*Translation*]

**Promotion of Tourism in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar**

\*92. SHRISHEOSHARAN VERMA:  
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR  
GANGWAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have declared year 1991 as the Tourism Year;

(b) if so, the names of the tourist places in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar that are to be developed during this year;

(c) whether Bhim Dam in Bihar is also proposed to be developed as a tourist place; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Development of tourist places is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to

States for development of infrastructure in the form of various types of accommodation, catering units and transport facilities. For this purpose, the State Governments propose projects/schemes to the Ministry of Tourism for financial assistance. During 1990-91, 31 projects/schemes of Uttar Pradesh and 12 projects/schemes of Bihar were prioritised to provide financial assistance in consultation with respective State Governments. The lists of schemes of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are given below in the statement I and II respectively.

(c) and (d). The Ministry of Tourism did not receive any proposal from the State Government of Bihar to develop Bhim Dam as a tourist place.

**STATEMENT-I**

**PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN UTTAR PRADESH AND BIHAR**

*List of Projects/Schemes Prioritised for the Year 1990-91*

**Uttar Pradesh**

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the Scheme</i>
1	2
1.	Motel at Khurja
2.	Motel at Kaladungi
3.	Motel at Devsthal.
4.	Motel at Dhauladevi
5.	Motel at Khetikhan
6.	Motel at Marorakhan
7.	Motel at Bhaniawala, Dehra Dun
8.	Motel at Bhatta, Dehra Dun