

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH): (a) and (b). SBI has submitted its report on the matter. The report is being examined.

Criteria for Shifting of Telephones in Frozen Areas

95. DR. BENGALI SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given on 6 September, 1990 to Unstarred Question No. 4794 and state;

(a) whether the requisite information has since been collected;

•(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given in the statement below.

(c) Question does not arise.

STATEMENT

(a) Normally sanction of new telephones or shifting of working telephone connection is not permitted in Frozen Areas. However, in the exceptional cases, this may be permitted by the competent authority at his discretion depending upon merit of the case.

(b) and (c) No specific priority is given to any special category such as Doctors, high Government Officials, etc. for sanctioning/ shifting of telephones in frozen exchanges.

(d) Since Lakshmi Nagar Telephone Exchange is frozen, shifting of telephones to this exchange are not permitted in the normal course. However a specific case could be considered on its merits.

[English]

Construction of Buildings for Post Offices in Karnataka

96. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of buildings constructed for the post offices in Karnataka during the year 1989 and in 1990; and

(b) the number of such buildings proposed to be constructed during 1991?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Eight building were constructed for Post Offices in Karnataka during the year 1989 and fourteen buildings during the year 1990.

(b) During 1991 it is proposed to start construction of twentytwo buildings for post offices.

Garland Water Grid Scheme

97. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate a Garland Water Grid Scheme by linking all the major rivers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which work on this