

**SHRI KUSUM KRISHNA MURTHY:** Historically it is an important place. The fishing harbour project was said to have been sanctioned long time back. It is being delayed for years together. I would like to know whether the hon. Minister would be able to clear the project for giving employment to thousands of fishermen living in the area.

[*Translation*]

**SHRI NITISH KUMAR:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is not related to the question. However, if the hon. Member is concerned about it and if he gives it in writing, action will certainly be taken.

[*English*]

#### **Implementation of Maharashtra Model Employment Guarantee Scheme**

\*684. **DR. DAULATRAO SONUJI AHER:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank has submitted any report on employment guarantee scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) whether Government propose to extend implementation of the Maharashtra Model Employment Guarantee Scheme to other States?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA):**  
(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

(d) So far as the extension of the Maharashtra Model Employment Guarantee Scheme to other States is concerned, what

perhaps, the Hon'ble Member has in mind is the employment guarantee programme announced by the Finance Minister in the Budget Speech delivered in the Parliament on 19.3.1990.

The Finance Minister has announced a beginning of employment guarantee scheme for the drought prone areas and areas with acute problem of rural unemployment in selected areas of the country.

The introduction of National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme in the Selected areas of the country as announced by the Finance Minister in his Budget Speech for the year 1990-91 is under consideration. The details are being worked out.

[*Translation*]

**DR. DAULATRAO SONUJI AHER:** I would like to know whether the Employment Scheme of Maharashtra and National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme are the same?

**SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA:** There is a slight difference between the two.

**DR. DAULATRAO SONUJI AHER:** Does the Central Government propose to extend the model which is in vogue in Maharashtra to other States also?

**SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA:** The matter of implementing this pattern in other States also is presently under consideration.

**SHRI RAM NAIK:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, it has been stated that the details are being worked out. I want to know the time by which the proposed scheme is going to be completed and whether any time-bound programme has been prepared in this regard?

**SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA:** We will start this work in 1990-91.

**PROF. RAM GANESH KAPSE:** I want to request the Minister through you to implement the proposed scheme on the lines of

Maharashtra Model Employment Guarantee Scheme, so that the work commences on Maharashtra model itself. I would like to know whether some suggestions have been received by the Government regarding checking of corrupt practices in the scheme; if so, the time by which the suggestions would be implemented?

**SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have clearly stated that so far as the Maharashtra Guarantee Scheme is concerned, it is under our consideration. While giving it consideration we shall take into account both the merits and demerits of the scheme.

**SHRI HARADHAN ROY:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the number of registered unemployed in the country is over three crore. Apart from this, more than ten crore people in villages are unemployed. I would like to know from the hon. Minister the number of unemployed people proposed to be covered under the Employment Guarantee Scheme in 1991?

**SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have categorically stated in my reply that the aforesaid scheme will not be implemented throughout the country in one go. This scheme will be started in 1990-

91. It will be initially implemented in the drought-prone areas and in areas where unemployment has reached alarming proportions.

[English]

#### Development of Telephone System in Kerala

\*685. **SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the plan for the development of telephone system in Kerala for 1990-91; and

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the additional lines to be provided and exchanges to be set up?

[Translation]

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

(b) Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

PART (b) The proposed Annual Plan 1990-91 for the State of Kerala envisages inter alia gross local switching capacity addition of about 56390 lines subject to the resource availability. Some of the major exchange proposed to be covered are:

Sl. No.	Exchange	Gross capacity addition (lines)
1.	Calicut	3000
2.	Tirupunithura	3000
3.	Tiruvalla	4000
4.	Alleppy	3000
5.	Trivandrum Medical college	10000
6.	Ernakulam	4000
7.	Kottayam	5000