

| <i>Category</i> | <i>Min.</i> | <i>Max.</i> |
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| All other ED Agents. | | |
| i) for less than two hours of workload. | Rs. 240 (Fixed) | |
| ii) for workload of two hours and above. | 270 | 420 |

In addition to the aforesaid allowances, the ED Branch Postmasters are eligible to draw delivery and conveyance allowance upto a maximum of Rs. 50/- and office maintenance allowance upto a maximum of Rs. 25/- p.m. The ED Delivery Agents/ED Mail Carriers and eligible for grant of cycle allowance of Rs. 20/- p.m. There is also a provision to grant fixed stationery charges of Rs. 3/- per Extra Departmental Branch Postmasters/Extra Departmental Sub postmasters and Rs. 1/- in respect of other categories of ED Agents. From 1.1.90 the ED employees have become entitled to dearness allowance at the rate of 38/- of their basic allowance. They are also eligible for grant of ex-gratia gratuity and the maximum amount payable is Rs. 3000/- subject to a minimum service of 10 years. ED Agents can avail leave without allowances upto a maximum of 180 days. Besides this, flood advance of Rs. 100/- recoverable in 10 instalments is also sanctioned to ED employees as and when the same is sanctioned to regular government servants in the flood affected areas. The ED Agents are also entitled to productivity linked bonus on the basis of their actual emoluments.

(b) The information is being called from the postal Circles and will be placed on the table of the House.

[English]

STD Facilities in Orissa

6646. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposed to provide STD facilities in some more towns in Orissa during 1990-91;

(b) if so, the towns identified therefor;

(c) whether there is a proposal to introduce STD facility in Paralakhemundi and some other towns in Ganjam districts in Orissa;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether STD facilities would be provided to those towns in 1990-91?

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

(b) The following 11 stations are planned to be provided with STD facility during 1990-91: Aska, Bargadh, Chandipur Gunupur, Joda, Jatni Barbil, Kantabanji, Mowrangpur, Porlakhemundi, Rajgangpur.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Paralakhemundi and Aska.

(e) Yes, Sir, subject to availability of equipment.

Agitation by Ladakhi Budhists Association

6647. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: