[Translation]

Waiting List for Telephone Connections in Maharashtra

6695. SHRI KISANRAO BABURAO BANKHELE: Will the Minister of COMMUNI-CATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the district—wise and exchangewise number of applications in waiting list for telephone connections in Maharashtra as on 31st March, 1990; and
- (b) the details in regard to measures adopted to increased the capacity of telephone exchanges to dispose of all pending applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Revision of Pay Scales of Inspector and Assistant Superintendent in Department of Posts

6696. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: SHRI MANIK SANYAI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-TIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether despite lapse of 3 years, the recommendations (para 10.44) of Fourth Central Pay Commission in the matter of Revision of Pay Scales of Inspectors and Asstt. Superintendents' in the Department of Posts have not yet been implemented by Government, and
- (b) if so, when the implementation is to take effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). The recommendations involve a basic restructuring of Supervisory levels in the Department in-so-far as a partial direct recruitment to the cadres of Inspectors of Post Offices/Railway Mail Service has been proposed, as also integration of the two cadres to be followed by a revision of the pay scales. The Department has formulated necessary proposals in this regard and the process of consultation with other concerned Ministries/Departments is going on. It is not practicable to state at this stage when the recommendations are likely to be implemented.

[Translation]

Post Offices in Rural Areas of Unnao

6697. SHRI ANWAR AHMAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to open post offices in the rural areas of Unnao district during 1990-91;
- (b) if so, the names of villages identified for this purpose; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) At present there are no proposals under consideration.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The norms for opening of new post offices are presently under review.