

(b) The following steps are being taken by the Government for realisation of the dues:

- i) In so far as Government dues are concerned the same are being pursued at the level of Chief General Managers and the Directorate. The Chairman, Telecom Commission, has also written to the Chief Secretary of the State for clearance of dues.
- ii) In the case of private subscribers, the following steps are taken:
  - (a) Pursuit by means of personal contact and offer of receiving payment in instalments, when requested for the same
  - (b) Disconnection of other telephones of the same subscriber, if there is more than one connection working for him.
  - (c) Legal action.

**Establishment of C-DOT Office in Chicago, USA**

6734. SHRI M.G. SEKHAR:  
SHRI R. GUNDU RAO:  
SHRI Y. RAMAKRISHNA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the C-DOT has established/started an office in Chicago, U.S.A.

(b) if so, whether the prescribed guidelines in respect of setting up a liaison cell office of a Government of India Undertaking/Society overseas were followed in this case:

(c) whether the C-DOT expenditure in Chicago was borne by an American firm and was later reimbursed by C-DOT after obtaining RBI permit;

(d) whether C-DOT has violated FERA rules; and

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take on C-DOT and the officials responsible?

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

(b) to (e). Information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the house as soon as it is ready.

[Translation]

**Filling up of posts reserved for SC/ST in Ministry**

6735. DR. BENGALI SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the category-wise number of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes lying vacant in the Ministry and since when;

(b) the action being taken to fill those vacancies; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) The category-wise number of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and the year since when these posts are lying vacant in the main Secretariat of Ministry of Surface Transport is as under: