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Poor Telephone Service in Bhubaneswar

6796. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bhubaneswar telephones are remaining out of order most of the time;

(b) if so, the reasons for the poor service of Bhubaneswar telephones; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the telephone service at Bhubaneswar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There was some increase in fault rate in February and March 90 due to abnormally heavy rainfall.

(c) New Electronic exchange has been commissioned. The external plant has also been upgraded

Speed Post Service in Punjab

6797. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the place brought within the reach of "Speed Post" during 1989 in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): No place in Punjab has been brought into the Speed Post network in the year 1989.

Black Marketing of Cinema Tickets

6798. SHRI J.P. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received during the year 1989 regarding black marketing of cinema tickets in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b). During 1989, 167 cases were registered under Punjab Cinema Regulation Act and 177 persons arrested. Of these 153 persons have since been convicted.

South Korea's Membership of United Nations

6799. SHRI PARASRAMBHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South Korea has sought help from India and other non-aligned countries for becoming a member of the United Nations;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). India supports all efforts aimed at the peaceful reunification of Korea. In conformity with the principle of universality India supports the aspirations of the Korean people to actively contribute towards the realization of the purposes and principles of the United Nations through representation in the world body.