

(d) With effect from 1.4.90, 25% concession in rental will be admissible for not exceeding two telephones (non-residential) in institutions like homes for the aged, infirm, handicapped, deaf-dumb-mute persons, orphanages, voluntary organisations for tribal welfare and other organisations recognised by the Government.

I hope the House will appreciate the various concessions the Department has been giving to the handicapped persons, as also employment opportunities through opening PCOs, STD pay phones etc. in pursuance of the general policy directions of the Government to help such categories of persons suffering from physical disabilities.

[*English*]

Setting up of Regional Research Centre

*254. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up new Regional Research Centres under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR); and

(b) if so, their location and the estimated expenditure to be incurred on the establishment of each centre?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Package Deal on Assam Accord

*255. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD:
SHRI KALP NATH RAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved a package deal in terms of the Assam Accord for the betterment of that State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken so far to implement the package deal?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (c). No, Sir. However, the Government have set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri L.C. Jain, Member, Planning Commission to make proposals for speedy economic development of Assam. The Committee has not yet submitted its proposals.

[*Translation*]

Declaration of Khajuraho-Allahabad Road as National Highway

*256. SHRI RAM SAJIWAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to declare Khajuraho-Allahabad road via Kalingar, Chitrakoot, Rajapur as National Highway in view of the inconvenience faced by pilgrims and tourists;

(b) if so, the time by which the construction plan and survey of the proposed National Highway is likely to be completed; and

(c) when the construction work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal to the effect presently.

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