

**Resumption of Steamer Service Between Bombay and Goa**

1295. PROF. GOPALRAO MAYEKAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to resume the steamer service between Goa and Bombay after the monsoon is over;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, when it is likely to be resumed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) to (c). A decision is yet to be taken in this regard. The Union Government is discussing the question of re-introduction of this service and its viability with the concerned State Governments.

**Expansion of Telephone Exchanges in Kerala**

1296. SHRI SURESH KODIKKUNNIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the details of telephone exchanges proposed to be expanded in Kerala and telephone exchanges where STD facilities are proposed to be provided during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA):

(i) The following telephone exchanges are proposed to be expanded in Kerala during 1990-91:

— Ernakulam Wellington Island (RLU)

— Calicut

— Kalamassery

— Quilon

— Cannanore

In addition, about 40 small exchanges are also planned to be expanded in Kerala.

(ii) The following telephone exchanges are proposed to be provided with STD facility during 1990-91:

1. Adimaly 2. Ambalapuzha 3. Balramapuram 4. Balussery 5. Chelari 6. Chengalam 7. Chottanikkara 8. Edachery 9. Edathua 10. Karungapally 11. Kozhencherry 12. Kumbanad 13. Kumily 14. Kulinamangalam 15. Kuthuparamba 16. Kuttippuram 17. Manan Thody 18. Mavoor 19. Mokeri 20. Morkem 21. Muthululam 22. Nadapuram 23. Pathanapuram 24. Peermade 25. Panoor 26. Perambra 27. Beringathur 28. Ponkunnam 29. Kulinkunnu 30. Ranni 31. Sultans Battery 32. Thoovakkunnu 33. Kanjirappally 34. Varapuzha 35. Kanjikode.

**Sub Post Office and Public Call Offices in Gram Panchayats in Bettiah (Bihar)**

1297. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Gram Panchayats in the Bettiah Parliamentary constituency of Bihar do not have sub post office and the facility of Public Call Office (PCO);

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide every Gram Panchayat of Bettiah Parliamentary Constituency with a sub post office and PCO facility by the end of 1990; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?