- (b) By March, 1991.
- (c) Does not arise.

[English]

Inter-State Water Disputes

1221. SHRI L.K. ADVANI:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:
SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of WATER RE-SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of inter-State water disputes in the country and since when these are pending;
- (b) the steps taken to resolve these disputes and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to streamline the process to ensure quick solution of such disputes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these are likely to be resolved; and
- (e) the names of disputes referred for arbitration and the date on which this was done?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE-SOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTA-DIA): (a), (b) and (e). Under the provisions of the inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956, two disputes, namely, sharing of surplus Ravi and Beas Waters and sharing of Cauvery waters have been referred to the Tribunals in April, 1986 and June, 1990 respectively. As regards the proposal from Madhya Pradesh for consideration of the questions associated with Mahi Bajaj Sagar under the inter-State Water Disputes Act, an inter-State

meeting is proposed to be convened shortly. Apart from that there are some inter-state issues regarding interpretation of earlier agreements, sharing of surplus waters, etc.

(c) and (d). For expediting amicable settlement of inter-state issues in water resources between the States, a Standing Committee of the National Water Resources Council has been constituted in April, 1990.

[Translation]

Telephone Facility to Each Village Panchayat

1222. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Village-Panchayats likely to be provided with a telephone during 1990-91; and
- (b) the number of Village Panchayats in Ghaziabad likely to be provided with this facility and by what time?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIJAI PARKASH): (a) 3000 number of village Panchayats are likely to be provided with Telephones during 1990-91.

(b) In Ghaziabad District there are 608 Gram Panchayats out of them 37 Gram Panchayats have been provided with Telecom, facilities so far. The 571 remaining Gram Panchayats have been planned to be provided with this facility progressively during 8th Five Year Plan subject to timely receipt of the equipments.