[English]

Setting up of Electronic Telephone Exchanges in Medak Parliamentary Constituency

1258. SHRI M. BAGA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Electronic Automatic Exchanges have been sanctioned to Zaheerabad, Narayanakhed, Sadasivapet, Jogipet and Yellareddy of Medak Parliamentary Constituency;

(b) if so, whether the work have been taken up; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMI-CALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Yes, Sir, electronic exchanges are programmed to be installed at Zahirabad, Narayanakhed, Sadasivapet, Jogipet and Yellareddy progressively.

(b) and (c). (i) Building work is being taken up at Zahirabad.

(ii) Electronic exchanges will be installed at Narayankhed and Zahirabad during the year 1991-92 and 1992-93 respectively, at Jogipet during 1993-94, at Sadasivapet during 1992-93 and Yellareddy during this 8th plan period subject to availability of equipment.

Recalibration of Auto-Rickshaw Meters

1259. SHRI RAVI NARAYAN PANI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether auto-rickshaw drivers in

Delhi have not got their meters recalibrated even after two successive fare revisions;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to fix last date for recalibration of meters; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the faulty meter of auto-rickshaws in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE-SOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTA-DIA): (a) Delhi Administration have informed that upto 28.12.1990, fare meters of 41,489 Auto-Rickshaws have been recalibrated.

(b) Last date for recalibration of fare meters has expired on 7.11.1990.

(c) The Enforcement Staff of the Directorate of Delhi Administration is undertaking a drive against auto-rickshaws which are still plying without recalibrated meters.

Award of Certificate of Service to Indian Naval Officers

1260. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the award of certificate of service to ex-Indian Naval officers has been done away with recently;

(b) whether Officers of Executive Branch of Indian Navy with adequate experience are exempted from MOT-II and Part A of MOT-I class:

(c) whether the same is not applicable to officers of Engineering Branch of Indian Navy;

(d) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(e) whether the Government propose to remove this anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE-SOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTA-DIA): (a) Yes, Sir, since 1986.

(b) Yes Sir, However, such officers have to take limited examinations for the purpose.

(c) Officers of the Engineering Branch of Indian Navy with Degree in Mechanical Engineering are exempted from Part A of the Examination. Officers with Degree in Electrical Engineering are exempted only in respect of certain sections of Part A of the examination.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

Cancellation of Ladies Special DTC Buses

1261. SHRI KESHARI LAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several ladies special DTC buses originating from South Delhi were cancelled during the last month;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to re-introduce these ladies specials?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE-SOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTA-DIA): (a) Only two lady special trips have been cancelled out of 406 originating from South Delhi.

(b) The trips at 1805 hrs. operating between Kendriya Terminal & C.P.W.D. Colony Vasant Vihar and 1745 hrs. trip operating from Kendriya Terminal to Nehru Place were cancelled on the basis of survey reports which revealed poor traffic offering.

(c) Does not arise in the light of reply given to (b) above.

[Translation]

Direct DTC Service Between Indira Gandhi International Airport-Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station

1262. SHRI KALPNATH SONKAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to start a special D.T.C. service between Indira Gandhi International Airport and Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE-SOURCES AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTA-DIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The present network of D.T.C. bus routes provides link between these two places with changeover facilities at enroute points. Due to fleet constraints, it is not possible at present for the D.T.C. to start a new service between the Indira Gandhi International Airport and Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station.

[English]

Telephone Connections in Bhadrak, Orissa

1263. SHRI MANGARAJ MALLIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: