

and telegraph offices at present;

(b) the number of villages which come under the stipulated norms for opening new post offices, sub-post offices and telegraph offices; and

(c) the number of post offices, sub-post offices and telegraph offices opened during 1990-91 and proposed to be opened during 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) *Post Offices*: The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telegraph Offices: There are 2991 villages in Udaipur District without Telegraph facilities at present.

(b) *Post Offices*: There is no such case.

Telegraph Office: At present 256 villages come under the norms for opening new combined P&T Offices.

(c) *Post Office*: Three Post offices were opened during the year 1990-91. The annual Plan for 1991-92 is yet to be finalised.

Telegraph Offices: Four combined P&T Offices have been opened during 1990-91 and it is proposed to open 5 combined P&T Offices during 1991-92.

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Water Sports Complex and Foreign Investment in Tourism

1337. SHRI MOHANBHAI SANJIBHAI DELKAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have any proposal to set up water sports complex to encourage foreign tourists in the country;

(b) whether any proposal is under consideration for inviting foreign investment in the tourism industry;

(c) if so, whether any policy has been formulated by the Government in regard thereto; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government is encouraging the growth of water sports activity in the country.

(b) to (d). The Government is permitting foreign investment and collaboration in the Hotel Industry. Proposals, as and when received, are considered on merit.

Introduction of Shipping Services

1338. SHRI MOHANBHAI DELKAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Shipping Industry has been adversely affected by the recent oil crisis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal for starting ferry services between Daman and Diu, Daman-Bombay-Goa and Bombay and Mangalore;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government are also considering reintroduction of M.V. Chidambaram to operate between Madras-Port Blair, Madras-Singapore and Madras-Nagapatnam;