

However, there are proposals to commission 400 lines NEAX at Barauni, 128 Port C-DOT at Bihar in Begusari district, 128 Port C-DOT at Barehi and 2048 Port ILT at Munger in Munger district subject to availability of equipment.

[*Translation*]

Cables with Panoli Telephone Exchange of Gujarat

4894. SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that cables worth one crore rupees are lying idle with the Panoli Telephone Exchange of Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). Cables worth Rs. 16 lakhs were provided in the Telephone Exchange project at Panoli in Gujarat and not that of one crore. 80% of the cables provided in the project have been laid and balance cables are proposed to be laid by December, 90.

[*English*]

Communication System in Sardar Sarovar Project

4895. SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government had requested for issue of No Objection Certificate in August, 1988 for allotment of frequency for providing communication system in Sardar Sarovar Project;

(b) if so, whether the No Objection Certificate has been granted to the State Government; and

(c) if not, when it is likely to be granted and frequency allotted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). No request for allocation of frequency for the communication system of the Sardar Sarovar Project was received in August, 1988. However, a request was received in April, 1989 from Gujarat Government for the renewal of the licence to operate the frequency for the same project allocated to Gujarat Government in June, 1980. This was agreed to in August, 1989 and the license renewed thereafter.

(c) Does not arise in view of above.

US Efforts to Defuse Tension on Indo-Pak Border

4896. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether US has made efforts to defuse the tension on the Indo-Pak border;

(b) whether U.S.A has confirmed receipt of communication from Pakistan Government that it has closed down 13 camps which were training Kashmiri terrorists; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) the US Government has expressed support for a peaceful and bilateral solution in the spirit of the Simla accord.