

[*Translation*]

**Strike by Employees of Telecommunications**

151. PROF. YADUNATH PANDEY:  
SHRI MONORANJAN SUR:  
SHRI JOSS FERNANDEZ:  
SHRI PRATAP SINGH:  
SHRI MULLAPPALLY  
RAMACHANDRAN:  
SHRI C.P.  
MUDALAGIRIYAPPA:  
SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of the Department of Telecommunications went on strike all over the country in support of their demands recently;

(b) if so, what were the main demands of the employees;

(c) the details of the decisions taken by the Government on these demands and the action taken to implement the same;

(d) whether any assessment has been made about the loss suffered due to the strike; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Demand of Rs. 100/P.M. as an advance to Group 'C' and 'D' employees on the pattern of the employees of MTNL.

(c) Constitution of a High Level Committee for re-organisation of the Telecom.

Department to recommend within 2 1/2 months suitable administrative/operational structure for management of Telecom. Services in the country.

(d) No assessment has so far been made about the loss suffered as a result of strike.

(e) Does not arise.

[*English*]

**Opening of New Branch Post Offices**

152. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms for opening of new branch post offices in different States;

(b) the number of branch post offices opened in Karnataka State as on 30 June, 1990;

(c) whether the Government have a proposal to open some new branch post offices in Karnataka during the remaining period of the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the number and details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Present norms for opening of branch post offices are given in the attached statement. These norms are applicable to all the States according to the classification of the areas such as hilly, backward, tribal and normal.

(b) As on 30.6.1990, there were 7,553 branch post offices in Karnataka.