

(b) The proposal for the issue of a commemorative stamp in honour of Maharaja Sayaji Rao Gaikwad during 1967 was considered by the Philatelic Advisory Committee which advises Government on the issue of such stamps but the same was not recommended.

(f) The expenditure sanction has been given and the work entrusted to the Central Public Works Department who have already invited tenders for it. Provision has been made in the budget estimates for funds likely to be actually required for the work during the year.

Museum at Lothal in Gujarat

3076. Shri Narendra Singh Mahida: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have sanctioned Rs. 50,000 for the construction of a Museum at Lothal in Gujarat State;

(b) whether the Archaeological Department has undertaken the construction work of the museum;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government of Gujarat have constructed a guest house at Lothal;

(e) when the museum will be ready; and

(f) the steps taken by Government in this direction?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education (Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad): (a) An amount of Rs. 2,81,711 has been sanctioned.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The construction work is the charge of the Central Public Works Department.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The time when the work will be completed will depend upon the capacity of the Central Public Works Department to execute the work. We have impressed upon them the urgency of the work.

Development of Indian Languages

3077. Shri Sezhiyan: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the amount allotted and spent by Government during 1966-67, and the amounts allotted for 1967-68 for the propagation and development of the various languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution and the details thereof?

The Minister of Education (Dr. Triguna Sen):

	(Rs. in lakhs.)		
	Budget allot- ment in 1966-67	Actual expendi- ture in 1966-67	Budget allot- ment in 1967-68
1. Hindi	90.64	114.47	138.49
2. Sanskrit	23.92	24.14	35.22
3. Other Modern Indian Languages	10.00	8.93	6.00
TOTAL	124.56	147.54	179.71

P.O's. in Gujarat State

3078. Shri D. R. Parmar:
Shri Ramchandra J. Amin;
Shri Bhaljibhal Parmar;
Shri S. M. Solanki;

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new Post Offices opened in Gujarat State in 1966-67;

(b) the number of Post Offices up-graded in Gujarat State in 1966-67;

(c) whether there are demands from the public for opening new Post Offices as well as upgrading the existing ones; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Departments of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri I. K. Gujral):

(a) 58.

(b) 21.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) So far as opening of new branch post offices is concerned, a ban has been imposed owing to the present financial stringency. As regards opening of Sub-offices and upgrading of branch offices to Sub-offices, the demands will be met provided the prescribed standards are satisfied.

Posts and Telegraphs Staff Quarters and Buildings in Margao

3079. Shri Shinkre: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Posts and Telegraphs employees in Panaji, Mapuca, Margao and Vasco-da-Gama offices who have been provided with Government residential accommodation till the 31st March, 1967;

(b) the expenditure incurred on the payment of rent of P. & T. Offices in those cities;

(c) whether there is any proposal to construct staff quarters for the P. & T. staff and buildings for the P. & T. offices in those cities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Departments of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri I. K. Gujral): (a) 10 in Panaji and none in other places.

(b) Rs. 2,310 per month at Panaji and Rs. 650 per month at Margao. No rent is paid at other places.

(c) and (d). There are proposals to construct staff quarters for P. & T. staff and buildings for the P. & T. offices in these cities.

The details are given below:

(i) Acquisition of 4000 sq. metres of land for telephone exchange building at Panaji.

(ii) Acquisition of 10 acres of land at Panaji for P. & T. colony.

(iii) Acquisition of 6500 sq. metres of land at Mapuca for construction of telephone exchange and staff quarters.

(iv) About 3,000 sq. mtrs. of land has been selected at Margao for construction of telephone evchange building.

(v) Acquisition of about 4,000 sq. metres of land at Vasco-da-Gama for construction of telephone exchange building.

(e) Does not arise.

Telephone Connections

3080. Shri Shinkre: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for grant of telephone connections pending in Panaji and Margao exchanges;

(b) the number of telephone connections granted in 1966-67 in those two cities; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the grant of telephone connections?

The Minister of State in the Departments of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri I. K. Gujral): (a) Panaji 300; Margao 502.

(b) Panaji 88; Margao 32.