

specified period of four months;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been considered by the Anomaly Committee set up by Government; and if so, with what results, and by when the anomaly is likely to be removed; and

(c) the details of other matters pending before the Anomaly Committee with steps taken to dispose them of expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). In respect of the pay scale of Assistants, CAT in their judgement dated 23rd May, 1989 have directed that the applicants may be given an opportunity to be heard by the Anomaly Committee and the Government, within four months, may pass final orders on the anomaly after considering the recommendation of the Anomaly Committee. The applicants have submitted a written memorandum to the Anomaly Committee which shall be considered in the next meeting of the Committee.

(c) The other matters have been discussed in the Anomaly Committee and the interim report of the Anomaly Committee has since been finalised.

Setting up of more post offices in Assam

1978. SHRI ABDUL HAMID: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices set up in Assam from 1986 to 1988 and as on date;

(b) whether there is any demand from the people of Assam to set up more Post Offices in Assam; and

(c) if so, decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The information is as follows:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of new Post Offices opened in Assam</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
1986-87	Nil
1987-88	26
1988-89	22
1989-90 (Upto 31.7.1989)	26

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 185 more post offices are proposed to be opened in Assam by 30.9.1989.

Modernisation of Telephone Exchange at Guwahati, Assam

1979. SHRI ABDUL HAMID: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to modernise the telephone exchange at Guwahati in Assam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Guwahati at present is having a Strwoger Automatic exchange with 9,900 lines capacity working there. There are pro-