

Thaliparamba bye-pass road in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Installation of Public Call Offices at Sambalpur

4600. SHRI RAVI NARAYAN PANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Call Offices in Sambalpur district of Orissa:

(b) whether Government propose to instal more Public Call Offices telephones in Sambalpur;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of requests received by Government for Public Call Offices from villagers of Sambalpur district, Orissa and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) 110 Long Distance Public Telephones and 73 Local Public Telephones are working in Sambalpur District, Orissa.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 250 Public Telephones are proposed to be opened in Sambalpur District during the 8th Five Year Plan period subject to availability of equipments.

(d) Five requests have been received

and these are under examination.

Speed Post Service in Palghat, Kerala

4601. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of centres in Kerala with speed post facilities;

(b) whether Government have any plan to start speed post delivery system in certain new centres in Kerala; and

(c) if so, whether Government will extend the facility of speed post delivery system to Palghat also?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) 5 (FIVE) — Cochin, Trivandrum, Alwaye, Quilon and Calicut.

(b) There is a proposal for opening of a Speed Post Centre at Trichur shortly.

(c) No, Sir. There is no plan for extending the Speed Post facility to Palghat at the moment.

Increasing Coconut Production in Kerala

4602. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coconut production in Kerala has declined considerably during the last two years;

(b) if so, to what extent; and

(c) the steps Government have taken or propose to take to increase the Coconut production in the State?