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18.	V.O. Chidambaranar	89	46
19.	Kanyakumari	5	218
TOTAL		1431	938

Applications of Freedom fighters from tamil Nadu

4679. SHRI KANCHI PANNEER SELVAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications from tamil Nadu Freedom fighters still pending with Union Government for grant of pension or for condonation of delay in submission of applications in time;

(b) the steps taken by Union Government to expedite payment of freedom fighters pension to such applicants; and

(c) the number of condonation cases that have been finalised as per Shroff Committee recommendations with regard to Tamil Nadu State?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b). 11825 applications were received within the prescribed time limit from freedom fighters in the State of Tamil Nadu. Pension has so far been sanctioned in 3976 cases (including a few cases of delayed applications where delay was condoned) and the remaining cases have not been found eligible for grant of pension under the provisions of the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme. Only those delayed applications, which are accompanied by official documentary evidence of required suffering are considered for grant of Samman Pen-

sion and condonation of delay. No such application is pending with Government of India.

(c) Shroff Committee looks after the cases of freedom fighters only for erstwhile Hyderabad State.

[Translation]

Setting up of Electronic Telephone Exchange at Pukhrayan in Kanpur

4680. SHRI KESHRI LAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for setting up of electronic Exchanges in rural areas of Kanpur district, particularly in Pukhrayan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISSHANN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) There are proposals for setting up of Electronics Exchanges at 14 stations including Pukhrayan as per Statement attached subject to demand and availability of equipment.