

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The communication system in the tribal areas of Rajasthan has been already improved by the introduction of 60 channel UHF systems on Ratlan-Banswara-Dungarpur route and optical fibre system on Jaipur-Ajmer-Udaipur-Ahmedabad route. A digital 6 GHz microwave scheme between Dungarpur-Banswara-Ratlan has been planned for commissioning in 1995-96. Further, 34 mb/s optical fibre system has been proposed on Udaipur-Nathdwara-Kankroli-Amet-Devgarh-Bhim-Beawar route.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A 120 channel digital UHF system between Mt. Abu-Abu Road has been planned for commissioning in 1992-93.

[English]

Power Project in the Coastal Areas of Tamil Nadu

4076. SHRI D. PANDIAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project in the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu for utilisation of the tidal waves for power generation has been approved;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) The potential for economic power generation utilising tidal energy has so far been identified only in the Gulf of Kachchh

and the Gulf of Bombay on the western coast and in the delta of Ganga in Sunderbans on the eastern coast. Detailed investigations and studies to establish the techno-economic feasibility of tidal power generation have so far been undertaken only in the Gulf of Kachchh.

Upgradation of Sub-Post Offices in Kerala

4077. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to upgrade the sub-post offices in Kerala during 1992-93; and

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Sanction of Telephone Connections in Delhi from M.Ps quota

4078. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telephone sanctions issued by his Ministry in Delhi upto 30.4.91 on the recommendations of the then Members of parliament are still pending for installation;

(b) if so, the number of such cases pending for installation; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

the basis of demand and feasibility. For such works, funds are allotted on lumpsum basis.

Theft at Aerodromes

4080. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of thefts reported at different aerodromes, after the deposit of luggage in air-flights during the last three years;

(b) the details of cases of thefts solved, the number of requests received for compensation, number of persons compensated and the amount given on the total value; and

(c) the reasons for such thefts and the details of the action taken to check such thefts?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

[English]

Achievement of Tourism During the Year of Tourism 1991

4081. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements of Tourism Year 1991; and

(b) the total number of tourists visited and the amount of foreign exchange earned?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):

(a) The major achievement of the Tour-

Post and Telegraph Offices in Bihar

4079. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open Posts and Telegraph Offices in Bihar during the year 1992-93; and

(b) if so, the details thereof district-wise with funds allocated, if any?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). *Post Offices:* So far 171 sanctions have been issued for opening of extra departmental branch post offices in Bihar during the calendar year 1992. It is further proposed to open more post offices in Bihar during the financial year 1992-93. It is not feasible to give details in this regard as the Annual Plan target for 1992-93 for opening of post offices in the country has not been finalised. A sum of Rs. 2 crores has, however, been allocated under the head expansion of postal network in the country during the Annual plan 1992-93.

Telegraph Offices: Yes, Sir. It is proposed to open 5 (five) independent Telegraph Offices and 30 (thirty) Combined Post & Telegraph Offices in Bihar during the year 1992-93.

The Independent Telegraph Offices are proposed to be opened in the districts of Berh, Banka, Chatra, Garhwa and Gumla. The places for opening of Combined Post & Telegraph Offices are normally decided on