

### **Booking of Telegrams by Private Individuals**

2887. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question NO. 618 on August 29, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the scheme has since been implemented; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, the scheme is introduced on an experimental basis in some places in Maharashtra, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

### **Repairing of Telephones in Delhi**

2888. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of complaints of telephones being dead remain unattended for more than 45 days by the telephone authorities in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of complaints with the respective telephone exchanges;

(c) the reasons for taking unduly long time in repairing the telephones;

(d) whether there is any policy of the Government not to charge the telephone rent and to extend the free call facility in respect of such telephones which remain out of order for more than 24 hours;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the reasons for charging rent from such subscribers in spite of the telephone remained dead?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. Complaints of telephones becoming out of order or dead are attended to expeditiously in Delhi. In fact, on an average 85% of the reported faults in Delhi are cleared by the following day. Telephones becoming faulty due to break-down of underground cables, however, take a little longer.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Instructions are already existing for allowing rebate in rental for local telephones when they remain interrupted continuously for seven days or more due to departmental reasons.

### **Electronic Exchanges in District Headquarters in A.P.**

+2889. SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH:  
SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government propose to set up electronic exchanges in all the district and mandal headquarters in Andhra Pradesh during 1992-93; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE

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

(b) Does not arise.

### Telephone Directories in various Languages

2890. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telephone directories are publishing in various languages other than in English;

(b) if so, the details thereof and language-wise, separately; and

(c) the criteria adopted for publishing the directories for this propose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). Sir, Telephone Directories are published in various languages other than English. These are printed in Hindi and Regional languages when there is a reasonable demand for the same. Such demand is normally about 15% of the total requirement of telephone directories.

Directories have been published in Regional Languages Gujarati and Marathi in certain Secondary Switching Areas in Gujarat and Maharashtra Circles respectively.

### Wireless Communication Facility in Sikkim

2891. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide wireless communication facility in Sikkim;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount to be spent thereon; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be provided?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). Wireless Communication facilities in the form of microwave Ultra High Frequency (UHF) radio and Satellite media are already available in Sikkim. All the district headquarters have been connected to the State Capital (Gangtok) by reliable UHF radio systems. Multi Access Rural Radio systems (MARR) for providing telephones in 101 Gram Panchayats in Sikkim have also been planned during 8th Plan and will be provided progressively by March, 1995. The cost of providing the Gram Panchayat Telephones through MARR is about Rs. 1 lakh per telephone.

### Allotment of AI & IA Booking Agencies to SCs/STs

2892. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation has been provided in the allotment of booking agencies for Air India and Indian Airlines for persons belonging to SC/ST; and

(b) if so, the number of such agencies allotted to SC/ST by each airlines as also the total number of agencies allotted in the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.