

[English]

Training Programme

3552. SHRI ANKUSHRAO RAOSAHEB TOPE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposed to reorient the training programme for its employees;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) the extent to which it would enhance the efficiency of the staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The training programmes for Group 'C' and 'D' staff of Department of Telecom have been designed and developed to upgrade the skill and attitude of the staff to match the modernised telecom networks and to improve customer satisfaction.

In the Department of Posts, the main features of the reoriented programme, envisage laying of special emphasis on attitudinal changes both in the supervisory and sub-ordinate staff, equipping them with basics of administration, law, finance and customer care. Besides emphasis is being laid on computer related training programmes like computer appreciation, application packages including those relevant to operations of the Department.

(c) The reoriented training programmes of the Department of Telecom as well as Posts are aimed at enhancing productivity, better quality of services and improved customer satisfaction.

[Translation]

Telephone Connections in Rajasthan

3553. SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA): Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the target fixed for telephone connections in Rajasthan during 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) the steps taken to achieve the said target; and

(c) the details of the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Targets fixed for telephone connections in Rajasthan during 1993-94 and 1994-95 are given below :

1993-94	62000
1994-95	67000

(b) To achieve the above-mentioned targets, the existing exchanges were augmented wherever required and new exchanges commissioned depending upon the registered demand.

(c) The number of telephones provided in Rajasthan during 1993-94 and 1994-95 are as follows :

1993-94	75135
1994-95	84623

Irrigation Projects

3554. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN :
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the irrigation project proposals received during the last six months pending with the Union Government for clearance, State/UT wise;

(b) the present status of these projects; and

(c) the time by which these projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b). A Statement is attached.

(c) The clearance of a project depends upon how soon the State Government complies with the observations of the Central Appraising Agencies and obtains environmental/forest/rehabilitation and resettlement clearances, as applicable.

STATEMENT

Details of New Major and Medium Irrigation Projects Received During Last Six Months

S.No.	Name of Project	Estimated cost (Rs. in crores)	Benefits in hectares/MW	Date of receipt	Status of appraisal
1	2	3	4	5	6
GUJARAT					
1.	Nani Barsan Water resources project	32.40	3,083	10/94	The State Government is required to sort out various techno-economic issues
2.	Bakrol water resources project	23.86	3,700	1/95	The State Government is required to sort out various techno-economic issues.

1	2	3	4	5	6
HIMACHAL PRADESH					
3.	Sidhata Irrigation project	40.63	5,768	2/95	The project report has been sent back to the State in 4/95 for preparation of the report as per guidelines of Central Water Commission after compliance of the observation on various techno-economic issues.
4.	Lift irrigation Scheme from Andndpur Hydel Channel for changer area at Bilaspur.	20.00	3,780	2/95	The State Government is required to sort out various techno-economic issues.
MANIPUR					
5.	Tipaimukh Dam	3051.67	1500 MW and Flood Mitigation	2/95	The Brahmaputra Board is required to sort out various techno-economic issues.
PUNJAB					
6.	Raising Lining of Bhakra main Line to restore its authorised capacity	14.6473	-	2/95	Construction equipment aspects have been cleared. Observations on irrigation planning and cost benefit aspects are required to be complied by State Government.
TAMIL NADU					
7.	Irrukaugudi Reservoir Scheme	28.70	4,210	2/95	The State Government is required to sort out various techno-economic issues.

[English]

Basic Telecom Services

3555. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made any changes in the terms and conditions regarding privatisation of basic telecom services since the original tender notice was issued in this regard;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(c) whether some companies/parties have sought clarifications in this regard, and;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) No. Sir.

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

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The responses to the clarifications are being framed.

Institutions for Mentally Retarded Children

3556. DR. G.L. KANAUIA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of institutions in Delhi which are imparting education to the Mentally Retarded Children and number out of them getting grant-in-aid from the Government;

(b) the details of the grant-in-aid given to these institutions during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Government are aware that some of these institutions which are getting aid from the Government are taking capitation and other fees from the children; and

(d) if so, the action being taken or proposed to be taken against such institutions?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) There are 19 institutions in Delhi which impart education to mentally retarded children. Out of these 5 are being run by Directorate of Social Welfare, National Capital Territory of Delhi, one by National Institute of Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad and remaining 13 by Voluntary Organisations. Out of the 13 institutions run by voluntary organisations, 11 are receiving grant-in-aid from the Ministry of Welfare.