

of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether communication link for providing high quality telecommunication service with USSR is being proposed;

(b) if so, when the same is likely to start functioning;

(c) what will be the main purpose of this telecommunication link;

(d) the total cost for the Indian terminal of the link;

(e) how much assistance USSR will be providing for the project; and

(f) the assistance which India is providing to the USSR?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN): (a) Yes, Sir. A project for the installation of a Troposcatter Telecommunication Link between India and USSR is under implementation.

(b) By early 1981.

(c) Provision of reliable telecommunication facilities between the two countries.

(d) Rs. 3.90 crores (estimated).

(e) and (f) Each side will meet the cost of the terminal facilities in its country.

Admission in St. Stephen's College

3260. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:
SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen Press reports in respect of admission in St. Stephen's College;

(b) whether the Vice-Chancellor, Delhi University has received representations from All India Students Federation and Students Federation of India in this behalf and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take so that brilliant students, irrespective of their status in society, can get admission?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Secretary, All India Students Federation and the Secretary, Students Federation of India have represented to the vice-Chancellor against the arbitrary decision of the St. Stephen's College, Delhi fixing 20th June, 1980 as the last date for submission of applications for admission as against the 30th June, 1980 prescribed by the University of Delhi for the purpose. They have demanded that the University should bring out uniform guidelines for a cohesive admission policy and see to it that they are not violated.

As the Principal, St. Stephen's College was out of station, the Vice-Chancellor has written to the Chairman of the Governing Body of the College advising that the college should conform to the date prescribed by the University for receipt of applications for admission. The College authorities accordingly decided to receive applications even after 20th June, 1980, the last date stipulated by them earlier.

(c) Admissions to Colleges are made on merit in accordance with the rules of admission. Status in Society is not the Criteria for admission.

Construction of Boundary Wall on Malviya Nagar Road, New Delhi

3261. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 844 on the 26th February, 1979 regarding construction of boundary wall on Malviya Nagar Road, New Delhi and state:

(a) whether the D.D.A. has initiated any action for dismantling the boundary wall on Malviya Nagar Road;