

**Divisional Headquarters of Telephone
At Betiah, Bihar**

9215. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone subscribers of East and West Champarans are facing great inconvenience for each Divisional Headquarters at Chhapra as there is no direct road/rail link from there to Chhapra;

(b) whether Government propose to set up a full fledged Division Headquarters at Betiah to provide facility to the telephone subscribers of East and West Champaran districts; and

(c) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Though rail links from East and West Champarans to Chapra and not available, road links are existing.

(b) and (c). The existing workload of Motihari Secondary Switching Area (SSA) does not justify a separate Telecom. District with Headquarter at Betiah at present.

India Nepal Relations

9216. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA
NARASIMHARAJA
WADIYAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to improve the relationship with Nepal in view of the changed situation there;

(b) whether Government have received any new proposals from Nepal Government

in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) The Government have warmly welcomed the installation of new government in Nepal with a mandate to establish a multi-party democracy under a constitutional monarchy. We wish the people of Nepal all success in realising their aspirations and are ready to extend them all sympathy and support.

India highly values the traditional and uniquely close relationship with Nepal and desires sincerely to restore this in its entirety and, going further, to deepen and strengthen it in all areas. The Government thus attaches high priority to the early, comprehensive resolution of all outstanding problems between India and Nepal. Given the goodwill on both sides and the understanding of each other's needs and concerns, we are confident that such a mutually acceptable solution can be achieved. The Government will cooperate fully with the Government of Nepal to this end.

(b) and (c). The Prime Minister of Nepal Shri K.P. Bhattarai, has written to P.M. on April 30, 1990. The proposals made by him are being studied with due attention, with a view to deciding the best way to proceed towards the kind of mutually acceptable and mutually beneficial solutions that both sides seek.

New Kashmir Policy

9217. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO
BRAHMBATT:
SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:
SHRI Y.S. RAJA SEKHAR
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: