

Talks with Understand National Socialist Council of Nagaland

5676. SHRI Y S RAJA SEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the underground National Socialist Council of Nagaland is ready for talks with Union Government for settling the four decade old insurgency in the region,

(b) if so, whether any conditions have been proposed before negotiations and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED) (a) No such proposal has been received from the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) by the Government of India

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Programmes of CAPART in Uttar Pradesh

5677 SHRI GANGA CHARAN LODHI Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Council for Advancement of People Action and Rural Technology has been set up to assist the programmes in rural areas, and

(b) if so, the number of programmes under the Council being implemented in Uttar Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRIDEVI LAL) (a) The Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology

(CAPART) has been set up to encourage, promote and assist voluntary action in the implementation of projects for the enhancement of rural prosperity and to strengthen and promote voluntary efforts in rural development

(b) Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) has sanctioned 567 projects to voluntary agencies in Uttar Pradesh upto 31 3 1990

Allotment of S.T.D. Public Call Offices in Private Sector

5678 SHRI GANGA CHARAN LODHI Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the number of STD Public Call Offices sanctioned by MTNL during 1989-90, and

(b) the criteria of allotting STD PCO Private-Sector?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K P UNNIKRIISHNAN) (a) No of STD PCO sanctioned during 1989-90 in MTNL

New Delhi	—	67
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Bombay	—	83
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(b) Pay phones are issued under the Franchise Scheme

As per existing policy, one pay phone with STD/ISD call facility for a population of every 10,000 is proposed. This can be provided by voluntary organisations and private agencies

The policy is under re-view, and the good hope to increase the coverage in a bigger way