

Darbhanga and Samastipur has been drawn up. Present plans also include linking Chapra with Patna by a UHF link of 48 channels.

(d) The Muzaffarpur-Patna microwave project is expected to be completed by the end of this year. The Darbhanga-Samastipur and Chapra-Patna projects are likely to be completed by the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan period.

Boundary Commission for Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh

1755. SHRI NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Chief Ministers of Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab have agreed to the appointment of a Boundary Commission for settling the boundary dispute among the three States ;

(b) if so, when the Commission is proposed to be set up ; and

(c) if not what alternatives Government propose for settling this dispute ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Government have already announced their intention to appoint a Commission but its terms of reference remain to be settled in consultation with the State Governments concerned.

(b) No decision in this regard has been taken.

(c) Does not arise.

Deployment of Army in West Bengal

1756. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to deploy the Army in West Bengal for an indefinite period ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) when the Army is going to be withdrawn ;

(d) the total expenditure incurred in connection with deployment of the Army in West Bengal from April 1970 to October 1970 and from March 1971 to May, 1971 ; and

(e) whether the Army in West Bengal, in co-operation with the C.R.P. and West Bengal Police, are harassing the innocent people in the name of combing operations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) to (c). The deployment of the Army or the other armed Forces of the Union in aid of civil authority is constantly reviewed, and the Armed Forces of the Union are so deployed only where the situation requires such assistance to be provided.

(d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(e) No, Sir.

New Posts and Telegraphs Offices in Kerala

1757. SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THANAKAPPAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to open new Posts and Telegraphs Offices in Kerala State this year and ; if so, the number thereof ;

(b) the time by when the new Posts and Telegraphs Offices would be opened as also the location thereof ; and

(c) the number of such Posts and Telegraphs Offices to be opened in urban as well as in rural areas ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) It is proposed to open 70 new post offices and 83 Telegraph offices in Kerala State during the year 1971-72,