

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed during the meeting.

(c) whether the issue of abetment of terrorism by Pakistan in Punjab and Kashmir also figured in the talks.

(d) if so, the details thereof and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) to (e) The meeting was essentially in the nature of a courtesy call and substantive bilateral issues were not discussed

Expansion of Telephone Exchanges in Maharashtra

321 **SHRI PRAKASH BAPU VASANTRAO PATIL** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the number of existing telephone exchanges expanded during 1989-90 and 1990-91 in Maharashtra, and

(b) the number of telephone exchanges which are likely to be expanded during 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) In Maharashtra 210 Telephone Exchanges (61055 Lines) were expanded during 1989-90 and 189 telephone exchanges (43030 Lines) were expanded in 1990-91

(b) 79 Telephone Exchanges (81050 Lines) are proposed to be expanded during 1991-92

Telephone Exchanges in Maharashtra

322 **SHRI PRAKASH BAPU VASANTRAO PATIL** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the number of telephone exchanges opened during 1989-90 and 1990-91 in Maharashtra, and

(b) the number of exchanges which are proposed to be opened during 1991-92 there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) The number of new telephone exchanges opened in Maharashtra during 1989-90 and 1990-91 are 94 and 146, respectively

(b) 163 new exchanges are proposed to be opened during 1991-92

Jute cultivation

323 **SHRI SYED SHAHABUD DIN** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) the area under jute cultivation during the last three jute years State-wise and year-wise,

(b) the quantity of jute produced during this period State-wise and year wise and

(c) the average market price of standard jute, year wise and the corresponding support price fixed by the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) (a) and (b) Statement giving estimates of area and production of jute during 1988-89 to 1990-91—State wise is given below

(c) The average market prices of jute ID 5 variety at Calcutta (main marketing centre) alongwith Minimum Support Prices during 1988-89 to 1990-91 are given below -

Year	(Rs. per qtl)	
	Minimum Support Prices	Annual Average Market Prices (Calcutta)
1988-89	290 00	462 92
1989-90	325 50	644 58
1990-91	347 50	645 00

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State	Area (Thousand Hectares)			Production (Thousand Bales of 180 Kgs. each)		
	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
Assam	95.8	94.8	95.5	673.3	794.4	865.9
Bihar	137.1	118.0	137.4	1124.0	912.7	1012.4
Meghalaya	5.0	4.8	5.0	37.3	34.7	50.5
Nagaland	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.8
Orissa	31.9	29.7	35.8	291.7	295.4	333.9
Tripura	2.8	2.1	2.7	22.7	16.8	23.6
Uttar Pradesh	2.8	1.3	1.1	30.0	13.8	9.8
West Bengal	415.3	426.5	500.2	4530.7	5003.3	5496.3
ALL INDIA	690.9	677.4	777.9	6710.4	7071.8	7793.2

Mahananda Basin Flood Control Plan

324. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Mahananda Basin Flood Control Plan and the estimated cost thereof;

(b) the names of the schemes presently under execution on the Mahananda Basin;

(c) the estimated cost of these schemes and the expenditure incurred thereon so far, scheme-wise; and

(d) the amount allocated by the Union Government for the plan as a whole and the amount released to the State Government during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The estimated cost of the works in Mahananda Basin Plan for flood control, updated in 1987, is Rs. 255 Crores.

(b) and (c) The expenditure on Mahananda Flood Control Scheme, costing Rs. 20.83 crores, is Rs. 17.73 crores. In addition, a number of

anti-erosion and town protection schemes are also under execution.

(d) Flood control works are implemented from State Plan Funds without any allocation from the Centre.

Pak Telecast of Controversial Film on J&K

325. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Pak telecasts controversial film on J&K" appearing in the "Telegraph" dated April 23, 1991; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The telecast of the film is part of the strident anti-India propaganda campaign launched by Pakistan, on the Kashmir issue in which developments in Jammu and Kashmir are