

(b) whether the same type of equipments were set up in Sultanpur, Pratapgarh, Etawah and when were these started;

(c) the reasons for not providing the equipments in Faizabad; and

(d) the time by which new equipments are likely to be started?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) A 3000 lines E-10B electronic exchange (Remote Line Unit) has been planned for Faizabad.

(b) For Etawah only, the same type of equipment was used. It was commissioned in June, 1991.

(c) The transmission media is not yet available. It is likely to be available during March, 1992.

(d) The E-10B electronic exchange (RLU) at Faizabad is likely to start working by 31st March, 1992.

Airports under Construction

1946. SHRI M. KRISHNASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports which are under construction; and

(b) the number of airports which have started functioning recently?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) One.

(b) No new airports have started functioning recently.

Transport Facilities to Tourists by ITDC in Central Region

1947. SHRI MATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Tourism Development Corporation provide transport facility to tourists in the Central regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). ITDC arranges transport facilities through its agents at various places of tourist interest in the country including Central Region.

ITDC is presently operating a weekly conducted tour in the Central Region called "Heart of Heritage Tour" covering Delhi-Gwalior-Shivpuri—Jhansi. In addition conducted tours are also organised by ITDC for special tourist events like Adventure Camp at Narwar in M.P. during 22.11.1991 to 1.1.1992.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Telephone Industry in the Country

1948. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone industries in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up a telephone industry in Bihar like that of Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal etc; and